



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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766. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing
(SO108(2) response due 13 September 2022)

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776. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public
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777. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

778. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

779. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing;
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780. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General;
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842. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

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843. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

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846. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport

847. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Finance

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848. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

849. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training

850. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer

851. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Deputy Premier

852. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training

853. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations

854. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; Tourism; Commerce; Science

855. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering

856. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry

857. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage

858. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs

859. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues

860. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations

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862. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Racing and Gaming; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
863. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
864. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth
865. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health
866. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government
867. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services; Small Business; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing
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869. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
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873. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
874. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Road Safety
875. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport
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899. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands

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900. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) How many public housing properties were there as of 30 June 2022?
- (2) How many community housing properties were there as of 30 June 2022?
- (3) Can you please provide a breakdown for (1) and (2) for each region in Western Australia?
- (4) How many properties in (1) and (2) respectively are currently vacant?
- (5) How many of the vacant properties in (4) are able to be tenanted?
- (6) What is the average time that properties in (1) and (2) are vacant for; and?
- (7) Can you please provide a breakdown of (6) by region?

901. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) How many Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) properties does the Department of Communities administer for each of the regions?
- (2) For each region, how many GROH properties are currently vacant, and for how long have they been vacant?
- (3) For each region, what was the average vacancy time of GROH properties in the financial year 2021-2022?
- (4) For each region, what was the longest period a GROH property was vacant in 2021-2022?

902. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to ForestCHECK, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table the *ForestCHECK reports* that have informed the preparation of the draft *Forest Management Plan 2024-2033*;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) will the Minister table any and all reports and/or research papers that have informed the preparation of the draft *Forest Management Plan 2023-2033*; and
- (d) if no to (c), why not?

903. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

- (1) I refer to Western Australia's eight trade and investment offices and I ask, for each office please identify for each of the following years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23:
 - (a) the number of staff employed or engaged;
 - (b) the total cost of staff employed or engaged;

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- (c) the salary of the relevant Agent-General or Trade and Investment Commissioner;
 - (d) any additional allowances, payments or support provided to each identified in (c);
 - (e) the cost to lease or own commercial premises; and
 - (f) the total cost of each office per annum?
- (2) In relation to the residence of the United Kingdom Agent-General please provide:
- (a) the location (including address) of the primary and any secondary residence of the Agent-General;
 - (b) are each of the residences identified in (a) leased or owned;
 - (c) on what date and for what term was each lease entered into; and
 - (d) please table the lease agreement executed?
- (3) How is the salary and allowances for each Agent-General and Trade and Investment Commissioner determined and what explanation can be given for such significant disparity between them?

904. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) I refer to question without notice 746 in relation to the *State Risk Report* and I ask, on what date was the report finalised?
- (2) On what date was the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) provided a copy of the report?
- (3) On what date was the Minister provided a copy of the report?
- (4) How many pages in length is the report?
- (5) Is there a funding agreement in place with the Australian Government or any other party in relation to the reports production?
- (6) Please table any agreement identified in (5)?
- (7) Is there a requirement of any funding agreement the report be publicly released?
- (8) Please table the *State Risk Report*?

905. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the use of restrictive practices in Western Australian schools and the relevant national principles, and I ask:

- (a) what benchmarks are in place for the use of restrictive practices in Western Australian schools;
- (b) how is the use of restrictive practices reported on;
- (c) is there a timeframe for ceasing the use of restrictive practices in Western Australian schools;
- (d) if yes to (3) when will their use be eliminated; and
- (e) are the impacts of restrictive practices on students assessed and, if so, how?

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I refer to the placement of students in isolation rooms in Western Australian schools, and I ask, with respect to the past 12 months:

- (a) how many students have been placed in isolation rooms;
- (b) how many times have isolation rooms been used;
- (c) how are the impacts from the use of isolation rooms on students from assessed;
- (d) are students assessed and monitored for trauma, psychological distress and harm while they are placed in an isolation room and afterwards;
- (e) is the Department of Education aware of any instances where a student has (or has been reasonably suspected to have) experienced, or reasonably suspected of, having experienced trauma, psychological distress or harm as a result of being placed in an isolation room; and
- (f) if yes to (e):
 - (i) how many instances is the Department aware of; and
 - (ii) what proportion of students placed in an isolation room have been identified or reasonably suspected as having experienced trauma, psychological distress or harm as a result of being placed in an isolation room?

907. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the delivery of Team TEACH training programs to Department of Education staff and I ask, will the Minister table the following information for the past two years:

- (a) the total number of individuals who undertook the training;
- (b) the total expenditure on Team TEACH per annum; and
- (c) the nature and curriculum of each program, including any aspects relating to positive handling training?

908. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the State Government's obligations under the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to ensure that persons with disabilities can access inclusive, quality and free primary and secondary educations, with effective individualised support measures in unsegregated environments that maximize academic and social development. The only education options available to many disabled children in Western Australia are in the form of segregated education support schools and centres, contrary to the State Governments obligations under the Convention. The Department of Education's Director, Disability Inclusion stated at public hearing 24 of the Royal Commission into Violence, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability that they did not know whether the Department's policies are informed by the Convention. I ask,:

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- (a) will the Minister commit to ensuring that all Department policies (including Department of Education Inclusion Policy) are informed by, and consistent with, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- (b) is the Minister aware that access to inclusive education is a human right, and that the segregation of students on the basis of their disabilities is contrary to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- (c) does the Department have any plans to establish new education support schools and centres for persons with disabilities;
- (d) is there a plan to cease the practice of segregating students on the basis of their disabilities in favour of a model that enshrines the right of all persons with disabilities to access inclusive primary and secondary education in unsegregated environments; and
- (e) if yes to (d), will the Minister table it?

909. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training:

- (1) Does the Department of Education undertake monitoring to identify disproportionate suspensions of students with disabilities?
- (2) If yes to (1), how is the monitoring undertaken?
- (3) In Western Australian schools over the past 12 months, what percentage of:
 - (a) the total number of students who were suspended had a disability; and
 - (b) the total number of suspensions given to students were given to students with disabilities?
- (4) Will the Minister commit to reporting school suspension data publicly in line with other states, including the proportion of school suspensions administered to disabled students and other marginalised student groups?

910. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the witness testimony of the Department of Education's Director, Disability Inclusion at public hearing 24 of the Royal Commission into Violence, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability in relation to the how funding is allocated for students with disabilities and the associated complaints management system, and I ask:

- (a) how does the Department of Education ensure adequate funding is appropriately allocated so as to improve education outcomes for students with disabilities;
- (b) how is the budgeting and expenditure of this funding at the student, school and Departmental level:
 - (i) reported on;
 - (ii) monitored; and
 - (iii) linked to the educational outcomes for the relevant student;

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- (c) are the parents and guardians of students who receive individual funding allocations able to easily access information regarding how that allocation is spent and linked to the student's educational outcomes; and
- (d) will the Department establish an independent complaints body to handle disputes and complaints between the Department and parents or guardians to replace existing, non-independent and wholly internally run complaints management system?

911. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the use of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) in educational settings across the State, along with related interventions such as Pivotal Response Training (PBS) and Comprehensive Application of Behaviour Analysis to Schooling (CABAS). The ABA model uses punishment and reward processes to encourage children to comply with neurotypical behavioural norms. There is extensive academic and clinical evidence that such practices are relatively ineffective and potentially harmful for autistic children, particularly when compared to neurodiversity-affirming learning and behavioural approaches. I ask,:

- (a) does the Department of Education undertake any ongoing consultation and collaboration with neurodivergent people and people with disabilities to improve the inclusiveness and effectiveness of the education system;
- (b) if yes to (a), how is that consultation and collaboration undertaken and, who with;
- (c) if no to (a), will the Minister commit to ensuring that the Department commences active and ongoing collaboration and consultation with neurodivergent people and people with disabilities to improve the education system;
- (d) how does the Department partner with disabled students and adults to implement non-discriminatory behaviour management practices in schools; and
- (e) will the Minister commit to ceasing the use of educational and behavioural intervention and support practices that:
 - (i) punish or shame neurodivergent students for displaying neurodivergent behaviours; and
 - (ii) reward or incentivise neurodivergent students for displaying 'masking' behaviours?

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