

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 121**

**Thursday, 7 December 2006**

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When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

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## POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 25 October 2006**

- 4240. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General  
(*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
- 4241. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health  
(*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
- 4242. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Electoral  
Affairs (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
- 4261. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Agriculture and Food (*SO 138(d) response -*  
*November 23 2006*)
- 4262. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Forestry (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
- 4263. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt (*SO 138(d) response -*  
*November 23 2006*)
- 4264. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response -*  
*November 23 2006*)
- 4265. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development  
(*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
- 4266. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Fisheries (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
- 4267. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne (*SO 138(d)*  
*response - November 23 2006*)

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4268. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4269. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4270. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4271. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4272. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4273. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4274. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4275. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4276. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4277. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4278. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4279. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Peel and the South West *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4280. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Treasurer *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4281. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4282. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4283. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Women's Interests *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4284. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Employment Protection *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*
4285. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern *(SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006)*

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4286. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4287. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4288. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4289. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4290. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4291. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4292. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4293. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Government Enterprises (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4294. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4295. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4296. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Heritage (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4297. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Land Information (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4298. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4299. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4300. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4301. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4302. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Youth (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4303. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4304. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)

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4305. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4306. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4307. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4308. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)
4309. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests (*SO 138(d) response - November 23 2006*)

**Notice Given** **Tuesday, 31 October 2006**

4313. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works (*SO 138(d) response - December 6 2006*)

**Notice Given** **Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

4328. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
4329. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
4334. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs
4339. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Women's Interests
4342. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
4343. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
4344. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety
4350. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works
4351. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection
4352. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Heritage
4353. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Land Information
4354. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business

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**Notice Given** *Tuesday, 14 November 2006*

- 4370. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development
- 4371. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4375. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4376. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

**Notice Given** *Wednesday, 15 November 2006*

- 4379. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4380. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 4381. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4381. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4382. Hon Bruce Donaldson to the Minister for Fisheries
- 4383. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment

**Notice Given** *Thursday, 16 November 2006*

- 4384. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4385. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

**Notice Given** *Tuesday, 21 November 2006*

- 4386. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Education and Training
- 4387. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 4388. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Forestry
- 4389. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt
- 4390. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training
- 4391. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
- 4392. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Fisheries
- 4393. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 4394. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 4395. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management

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- 4396. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
- 4397. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs
- 4398. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4399. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 4400. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4401. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
- 4402. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development
- 4403. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 4404. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs
- 4405. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business
- 4406. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Peel and the South West
- 4407. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Treasurer
- 4408. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4409. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 4410. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Women's Interests
- 4411. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Employment Protection
- 4412. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern
- 4413. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 4414. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 4415. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety
- 4416. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 4417. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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- 4418. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 4419. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
- 4420. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Government Enterprises
- 4421. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 4422. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection
- 4423. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Heritage
- 4424. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Land Information
- 4425. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development
- 4426. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering
- 4427. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Youth
- 4428. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4429. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4430. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4431. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- 4432. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 4433. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 4434. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 4435. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

***Notice Given******Thursday, 23 November 2006***

- 4437. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4437. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources

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***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, 5 December 2006***

- 4438. Hon Bruce Donaldson to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4439. Hon Bruce Donaldson to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4440. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4441. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, 6 December 2006***

- 4442. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure



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**QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY**


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*Notice given**Thursday, 7 December 2006*

4444. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the decision to discontinue the purchase of post-acute care through Silver Chain and transfer the service to the Western Australian Country Health Service (WACHS), and I ask -

- (1) Please detail the reasons for the switch to WACHS?
- (2) Why was this decision taken against the strong recommendation of Health Department director general Neale Fong, that Silver Chain continue to provide post-acute care in the regions?
- (3) What is your response to claims that patients seeking post-acute care are being advised that the service is either unavailable, only available when presenting to the local hospital or that they are now ineligible for the service?
- (4) Can the Minister please provide the following statistics -
  - (a) the number of patients delivered post-acute care by Silver Chain for each of the following periods -
    - (i) 2002-2003;
    - (ii) 2004-2005; and
    - (iii) 2005-2006;
  - (b) patients delivered post-acute care by Silver Chain on a monthly basis over the past 12 months; and
  - (c) patients delivered post-acute care by the WACHS on a monthly basis since the service was transferred?

4445. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

- (1) Is chlamydia a sexually transmitted disease (venereal disease) under an act or regulation of the Western Australian Parliament?
- (2) If yes to (1), please details which act or regulation and the applicable section?
- (3) If yes to (1), please provide an explanation as to why chlamydia would be captured by the definition of 'venereal disease' as described in the *Health Act 1911*?
- (4) Is chlamydia a notifiable disease under the *Health Act 1911*?
- (5) If yes to (4), please detail which sections of the act make chlamydia a notifiable disease?
- (6) Please provide an explanation as to why both infectious and venereal diseases are not listed through regulation?

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*Notice given*

*Thursday, 7 December 2006*

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council