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Questions postponed from previous sittings: -

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

6800. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development

Tuesday, 22 November 2011

6806. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General

6808. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

6809. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Thursday, 24 November 2011

6879. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

6931. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

6965. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

6982. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

6998. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

6999. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

Wednesday, 30 November 2011

7051. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

Thursday, 1 December 2011

7057. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education
7065. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
7069. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development
7078. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth
7083. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

Tuesday, 21 February 2012

7103. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
7104. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment
7105. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Housing
7106. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Corrective Services
7107. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Corrective Services
7108. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
7109. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning
7110. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
7111. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce
7112. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
7113. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning
7114. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
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7125. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage
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7128. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
7129. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Education
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7153. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Police
7154. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Emergency Services
7155. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry
7156. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
7157. Mr M.P. Murray to the Health
7158. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
7159. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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- 7169. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
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- 7192. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development
- 7193. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 7194. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 7195. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism
- 7196. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 7197. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development
- 7198. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General
- 7199. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

- 7200. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business
- 7201. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 7202. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming
- 7203. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation
- 7204. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs
- 7205. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport; Housing; Emergency Services
- 7206. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth
- 7207. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 7208. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services
- 7209. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water
- 7210. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services
- 7211. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
- 7212. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 7213. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Health
- 7214. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Health
- 7215. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 7216. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
- 7217. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 7218. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 7219. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 7220. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government
- 7221. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 7222. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism
- 7223. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 7224. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development
- 7225. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General
- 7226. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education
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- 7229. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming
- 7230. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

- 7231. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs
- 7232. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport; Housing; Emergency Services
- 7233. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth
- 7234. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 7235. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services
- 7236. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water
- 7237. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services
- 7238. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Road Safety
- 7239. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for State Development
- 7240. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

Wednesday, 22 February 2012

- 7241. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Attorney General
- 7242. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Lands
- 7243. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment
- 7244. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Attorney General
- 7245. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 7246. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Premier
- 7247. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 7248. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 7249. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 7250. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
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7296. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Premier
7297. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
7298. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment
7299. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection
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7301. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
7302. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
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7309. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education
7310. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing
7319. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

Questions listed for this sitting: -

7311.Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

- (1) What funds have been allocated in the current budget, or in the forward estimates, for the construction of TAFE residential accommodation in Port Hedland?
- (2) What are the current plans for the future use of the triangular vacant Lot 590 Somerset and Lot 583 Somerset in South Hedland?

7312.Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands

- (3) What vacant blocks of land are held by the West Australian Government and its agencies in Port and South Hedland, and will the Minister table a list of the blocks, and a map of their location?
- (4) Can the Minister advise what plans the Government has to secure the use of any surplus land holdings to meet the urgent accommodation needs of the town?

7313.Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police

I refer to the firearm licensing role of Western Australia Police, and I ask:

- (a) what is the current backlog for firearm licence applications;
- (b) can you advise for what period over Christmas 2011 the firearm licensing IT system was not functional;
- (c) what number of applications were delayed during this downtime;
- (d) what is the legislative basis for refusal of all applications where an applicant is applying for a shotgun;
- (e) if there is no legislative basis, has there been a change of policy, and if so what is that change; and
- (f) how many persons who held a firearms licence on 1 January 2011 and have not surrendered them are now listed as unlicensed on the system?

7314.Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister for Transport

In relation to the intersection of Roe Highway and Berkshire Road I ask:

- (a) what was the traffic count for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011, and if the traffic count is not available why not?

7315.Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister for Transport

In relation to the intersection of Tonkin Highway and Hale Road I ask:

- (a) what was the traffic count for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011, and if the traffic count is not available why not?

7316.Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) What is the cash and cash equivalents balance for each of the following entities as at 31 December 2011:
 - (a) Western Power;
 - (b) Horizon;
 - (c) Synergy; and
 - (d) Verve Energy?
- (2) Has the Government given any policy guidelines to these entities regarding their levels of cash and cash equivalents holdings, and if yes, what are these guidelines; and
 - (a) If no, do the boards of these entities have policy guidelines regarding their level of cash and cash equivalent holdings, and if yes, what are these guidelines?

7317.Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister for Energy's joint press release with the Minister for Corrective Services on 11 October 2011, entitled Repay WA trial safeguard network from fire, and I ask:

- (b) how many poles have so far, have been hand-painted with fire retardant paint;
- (c) are you satisfied that these poles have been treated to an acceptable standard;
- (d) when did Western Power begin using wooden poles in high fire danger areas that come pre-painted with fire retardant paint, and how many of these poles have so far been installed; and
- (e) how many Western Power poles in high fire danger areas are not painted with fire retardant paint?

7318.Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister for Energy's press release of 6 July 2010, entitled WA trials first smart meters in Perth's eastern region, and I ask:

- (a) what is the cost of each smart meter, and as an average, how much does it cost to install each smart meter?
- (b) Of the \$15 million allocation to this trial, how much cost is allocated to:
 - (i) purchase of smart meters to install in 8,900 homes;
 - (ii) costs for installation of smart meters into 8,900 homes;
 - (iii) Project management and administration; and

- (iv) other expenses; and
- (c) how many smart meters have been installed in houses as part of the trial referred to in the Minister's press release;
- (d) how many smart meters are currently in storage and unused as part of the trial, and where are these meters stored;
- (e) when will the trial be completed;
- (f) when will a report on the trial be available; and
- (g) at this stage in the trial, has there been any identifiable change in electricity consumption patterns by the consumers with smart meters?

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PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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