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4742. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

(1) How many primary school teachers employed by the Department of Education and Training held -

(a) temporary teaching status; and

(b) permanent teaching status, in -

(i) 2002;

(ii) 2003;

(iii) 2004;

(iv) 2005; and

(v) 2006?

(2) How many secondary school teachers employed by the Department of Education and Training held -

(a) temporary teaching status; and

(b) permanent teaching status, in -

(i) 2002;

(ii) 2003;

(iii) 2004;

(iv) 2005; and

(v) 2006?

(3) How many primary school teachers are currently employed by the Department of Education and Training, as at term two 2007, in a -

(a) temporary capacity ;and

(b) permanent capacity?

(4) How many secondary school teachers are currently employed by the Department of Education and Training, as at term two 2007, in a -

(a) temporary capacity ;and

(b) permanent capacity?

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4743. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) How many primary school teachers employed with the Department of Education and Training applied for and received level three classroom teacher status in -
 - (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (2) How many secondary school teachers employed with the Department of Education and Training applied for and received level three classroom teacher status in -
 - (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (3) What is the total number of primary and secondary school teachers employed within the Department of Education and Training that currently have level three classroom status?
- (4) What financial remuneration do primary school and secondary school teachers employed within the Department of Education and Training receive upon achieving level three classroom teacher status?

4744. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Will the Minister list primary schools constructed by the Government and identify the total cost in each instance in -
 - (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister list the secondary schools constructed by the Government and identify the total cost in each instance in -
 - (a) 2002;

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- (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
4745. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- (1) How many primary school teachers employed within the Department of Education and Training held -
- (a) level one;
 - (b) level two; and
 - (c) level three classroom status, in -
 - (i) 2002;
 - (ii) 2003;
 - (iii) 2004;
 - (iv) 2005; and
 - (v) 2006?
- (2) How many secondary school teachers employed within the Department of Education and Training held -
- (a) level one;
 - (b) level two; and
 - (c) level three classroom status in -
 - (i) 2002;
 - (ii) 2003;
 - (iii) 2004;
 - (iv) 2005; and
 - (v) 2006?
- (3) How many primary school teachers and secondary school teachers currently (term two 2007) hold classroom teaching status of the following level's -
- (a) level one;
 - (b) level two; and
 - (c) level three?

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4746. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) Will the Minister advise whether Corrective Services Officers, employed in the prison system, are being encouraged to take leave without pay instead of resigning their positions?
- (2) Will the Minister advise how many Corrective Services Officers were offered leave without pay for the months of January 2006 through to March 2007?
- (3) If yes to (2), how many took up this offer?
- (4) Will the Minister advise the length of time of leave without pay for each officer?
- (5) What benefits or entitlements, if any, were accrued during this period?
- (6) Will these officers be retained in the statistics for the overall number of Corrective Services Officers in the State?

4747. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise whether medical officers and nurses employed in the public hospital system are being encouraged to take leave without pay instead of resigning their positions?
- (2) Will the Minister advise how many medical officers and nurses were offered leave without pay for the months of January 2006 through to March 2007?
- (3) If yes to (2), how many took up this offer?
- (4) Will the Minister advise the length of time of leave without pay for each medical officer and nurse?
- (5) What benefits or entitlements, if any, were accrued during this period?
- (6) Will these medical officers and nurses be retained in the statistics for the overall number of health workers in the State?

4748. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Will the Minister advise whether teachers are being encouraged to take leave without pay instead of resigning their positions?
- (2) Will the Minister advise how many teachers were offered leave without pay for the months of January 2006 through to March 2007?
- (3) If yes to (2), how many took up this offer?
- (4) Will the Minister advise the length of time of leave without pay for each teacher?
- (5) What benefits or entitlements, if any, were accrued during this period?
- (6) Will these teachers be retained in the statistics for the overall number of teachers in the State?

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4749. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Will the Minister advise whether fire officers employed by Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA), are being encouraged to take leave without pay instead of resigning their positions?
- (2) Will the Minister advise how many fire officers were offered leave without pay for the months of January 2006 through to March 2007?
- (3) If yes to (2), how many took up this offer?
- (4) Will the Minister advise the length of time of leave without pay for each fire officer and nurse?
- (5) What benefits or entitlements, if any, were accrued during this period?
- (6) Will these fire officers be retained in the statistics for the overall number of fire officers in the State?

4750. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Regarding the Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs entitled 'Unfinished Business: Indigenous Stolen Wages', tabled in December 2006, I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister provide a public response to the report and each of its recommendations?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will the public response be provided?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Will the Minister consult Indigenous people in Western Australia, on the report's recommendations, in particular the recommendation that the Western Australian Government establish a compensation scheme?
- (5) If yes to (4), what form of consultation will the Minister undertake?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?
- (7) Given the findings of the report into the importance of archival records, and the evidence of the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia concerning their difficulty in accessing relevant records, will the Minister facilitate unhindered access to their archives for Indigenous people and their representatives to research stolen wages issues?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Given the findings of the report into the importance of archival records and the need for further urgent historical research in Western Australia, will the Minister facilitate access to the records for the purposes of research into stolen wages issues and substantially increase resources for the management of these records?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

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- (11) Given the evidence presented to the Committee of the lack of effective scrutiny of the Government's management of individual trust accounts, and of the destruction of records in Western Australia, will the Government -
- (a) index and locate records of financial controls that were exercised over Indigenous people in Western Australia; and
 - (b) conduct a forensic audit into the mismanagement of Indigenous trust accounts and maladministration of Commonwealth benefits for Indigenous people?
- (12) Given the urgency of investigating the issues raised in the report due to the ageing of many of the Indigenous people directly affected, will the Government fund and facilitate the gathering of personal testimony and oral history in relation to Indigenous stolen wages?

4751. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to the heritage surveys and visits by the Minister and Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) staff to the Woodside Pluto Site area, and answers to question on notice No. 4154 to the Minister for Employment Protection, answered on 19 September 2006, and photos of a survey crew on site B located at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~f4949/Woodside/pluto.html>, I ask -

- (1) Are all DIA staff who visit the Woodside Pluto site provided with a copy of the Burrup Fertilisers 'Neighbouring Facilities Information' presentation which explained what to do in an emergency on site?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Was the Minister advised of, or provided with a copy of the Burrup Fertilisers 'Neighbouring Facilities Information', when she visited the site on 7 February 2007?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Have the DIA staff or the Minister been provided with respiratory equipment when visiting the site?
- (6) In relation to (1) and (3) above, was the Minister or the DIA staff aware of any evacuation strategies in place during their visits to the site?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) If no to (1), (3) and (6), will the Minister ensure that the correct procedures are carried out for all visitors covered by her portfolio according to the 'Neighbouring Facilities Information', in the future?

4752. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) How many primary school principals were -
 - (a) acting; and
 - (b) permanent in -

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- (i) 2004;
 - (ii) 2005; and
 - (iii) 2006?
- (2) How many secondary school principals were -
 - (a) acting; and
 - (b) permanent in -
 - (i) 2004;
 - (ii) 2005; and
 - (iii) 2006?
- (3) How many primary school principals are currently -
 - (a) acting; and
 - (b) permanent?
- (4) How many secondary school principals are currently -
 - (a) acting; and
 - (b) permanent?

4753. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

Regarding the Department of Education and Training and the use of information technology, I ask -

- (1) What is the allocation of computers to schools?
- (2) What service or services are provided to schools to ensure equipment is repaired and maintained promptly?
- (3) Who provides this service?
- (4) What if any complaints have been received regarding inadequate IT service provisions?
- (5) Can the Minister provide assurances that all computer equipment will be serviced and repaired in a timely way?

4754. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

Regarding services for people with dementia and their carers, I ask -

- (1) Are you aware that the growth of dementia in Western Australia is the third fastest in Australia?
- (2) Are you aware that even when patients and carers are eligible for respite, carer support or counselling, they are unable to get these services?

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- (3) What is the shortfall in staff to provide full respite, carer support and counselling services to eligible dementia patients and their carers?
- (4) What is the average waiting time for these services?
- (5) What will you do to ensure the needs of dementia patients and their carers are met?

4755. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

Regarding compensation claims from the Bridgetown bushfire on Boxing Day 2003 and referring to an article in *The West Australian*, of 7 March 2007, 'Long Fight for Compo after Big Bushfire', I ask -

- (1) How many compensation claims have been settled?
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied that they have been settled fairly?
- (3) How many compensation claims are still outstanding?
- (4) How many affected land owners are yet to lodge a claim?
- (5) Who is the insurer of Western Power?
- (6) What arrangement exists between this insurer and Risk Cover with regard to liability and compensation for the fire?
- (7) What role did loss adjuster Ron Norris have at his appointment in 2004?
- (8) Has his role changed since then?
- (9) If yes to (8), why was his role changed?
- (10) Will the Minister please explain why Ron Norris has been instructed to no longer deal with at least one claimant?
- (11) Is the Minister satisfied with the implementation of the Government's promise, made by Conservation and Land Management's (CALM) Executive Director, on 4 February 2004 and after, that CALM had set up a 'one stop shop so that affected land owners could have their claims dealt with efficiently and quickly?'
- (12) In light of the time elapsed since the bushfire, the emotional stress suffered by fire victims and the 2004 Government promise, will the Minister ensure a review all outstanding claims with a brief to avoid court proceedings?

4756. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) Will the Minister table a copy of the final contract for the Perth Convention Centre, entered into by the Labor Government?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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4757. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier

Do stock routes that traverse pastoral land extinguish native title?

4758. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

Regarding the incident of a school student of Millen Primary School, in June 2006 who was pepper sprayed and arrested by Western Australian Police, I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Aboriginal Legal Service Western Australia (ALSWA) made a formal complaint about the incident to the then Minister on 19 June 2006?
- (2) What were Canning District Director Stephen Baxter's reasons for dismissing the complaint?
- (3) What action has been taken by the Department in relation to this complaint and/or the outcome of the investigation?
- (4) How many of the 28 projected staff for the Standards and Integrity Directorate have been employed?
- (5) When is the Minister expecting to reach full employment for this unit?
- (6) Will the unit have the brief to review the mismanaged cases outlined in the 2006 Corruption and Crime Commission report on 'Sexual Contact with Children by Persons in Authority in the Department of Education and Training of Western Australia' (DET)?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Will the Unit review the investigation conducted in this case?
- (9) Is it true that three of four staff who handled this complaint left the Department after the complaints mismanagement scandal, and the fourth who was questioned at the hearings, is still employed at the DET?
- (10) If no to (8), will the Minister direct the Department to review the investigation into this case because of the public interest in safety of children at school?
- (11) How is the Department ensuring that the voices of the child, the parents and guardians are heard in a complaint process?

4759. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General

Referring to performance of the Department of Public Prosecutions and especially the case of Patrick Waring as reported in the *West Australian Newspaper* on 3 April 2007, 'DPP a laughing stock: lawyer', I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with the performance of the Department?
- (2) How many full time employees' (FTE) are budgeted for the Department?
- (3) How many FTE positions are currently unfilled?

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- (4) Does the Minister agree with the statement as reported by the Director of Public Prosecutions that the Department's resources had been stretched significantly by new legislation, increasing demands on the court system, and problems with the Department's database?
- (5) What additional legislation was the Director referring to?
- (6) What increasing demands on the court system is the Director referring to?
- (7) Can the Minister provide further details about the problems with the database?

4760. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the clearing of land in Western Australia, and ask -

- (1) How many hectares of native vegetation were approved for clearing in Western Australia in the year 1995 - 1996, under the Government's land clearing permit system by -
 - (a) burning;
 - (b) cutting;
 - (c) flooding; and
 - (d) mechanical removal?
- (2) How many hectares of native vegetation were refused for clearing in Western Australia in the year 1995-1996, under the Governments land clearing permit system by -
 - (a) burning;
 - (b) cutting;
 - (c) flooding; and
 - (d) mechanical removal?
- (3) How many hectares of native vegetation were approved for clearing in Western Australia in the year 1995-1996 under the Government's land clearing permit system for -
 - (a) grazing and pasture;
 - (b) road construction or maintenance;
 - (c) mineral production;
 - (d) extractive industry;
 - (e) plantation;
 - (f) horticulture;
 - (g) dam construction or maintenance;
 - (h) building or structure;
 - (i) miscellaneous;
 - (j) fence line maintenance;

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- (k) drainage;
 - (l) state agreement;
 - (m) mineral exploration;
 - (n) recreation;
 - (o) restoration;
 - (p) petroleum exploration;
 - (q) cropping, grazing and pasture;
 - (r) timber harvesting;
 - (s) infrastructure maintenance;
 - (t) aquaculture;
 - (u) industrial;
 - (v) hazard reduction or fire control;
 - (w) cropping;
 - (x) horticulture and miscellaneous;
 - (y) extractive industry, road construction and maintenance; and
 - (z) other?
- (4) How many hectares of native vegetation were cleared in Western Australia in the year 1995-1996?
 - (5) What data is used to identify the pre-European extent of native vegetation complexes in Western Australia, and in which year was this data produced and by whom?
 - (6) What data is used to identify the remaining extent of native vegetation complexes in Western Australia, and in which year was this data produced and by whom?
 - (7) How much in tonnes does the Minister estimate the clearing of native vegetation in Western Australia contributed to emissions of carbon dioxide in the year 1995-1996?

4761. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry

In relation to the Forest Products Commission's (FPC) sale of firewood from State Forests, I ask -

- (1) For what annual amounts of industrial firewood does the FPC have contracts of sale?
- (2) For what annual amounts of domestic firewood does the FPC have contracts of sale?
- (3) With which company or companies does the FPC have contracts for the sale of industrial firewood?
- (4) On what dates do the contracts expire?
- (5) For each company, what annual quantity per species does the FPC supply industrial firewood?

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- (6) For each company, what base and gross price per tonne does the FPC supply industrial firewood?

4762. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
Further to question without notice No. 91 of 2007, in relation to the South West Yarragadee aquifer, I ask -

- (1) What is the total amount of water for which extraction permits have already been granted?
- (2) What amount of water is currently being extracted?
- (3) Is this level of extraction contributing to the decline in the water level recorded since 2001?
- (4) What is the total amount of water for which applications for extraction permits have been submitted but not granted?
- (5) If the Water Corporation's proposal to extract an additional 45 GL a year is not approved, will the permits referred to in question (4), be granted despite the falling water level?

4763. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

With reference to my question number 4441, I ask -

- (1) Will the Premier confirm whether any of his Ministers have ever been in communication with either Mr Brian Burke or Mr Julian Grill representing Alcoa?
- (2) If yes to (1), when did the communications take place?
- (3) What was the communication in the form of (e.g. meetings, telephone discussion)?
- (4) Who was present?
- (5) What was discussed?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council