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855. Ms M. Beard to the Minister for Training

Questions listed for this sitting: -

856. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Planning:

I refer the Minister to planning and development of the Subiaco East area, and ask:

- (a) Is it correct that licensed premises were removed from the Princess Margaret Hospital's (PMH) design guidelines, and / or other planning rules, as acceptable activity on the PMH site;
- (b) Are any other commercial activities prohibited from development at the site;
- (c) With regard to (a) and (b), if activities were removed or prohibited at the Subiaco East development, what reasons were given for their prohibition/removal;
- (d) Why is the Government allowing licensed premises and other commercial activities on the lots adjacent to Bob Hawke College around the former Subiaco Oval;
- (e) Have any lots around Bob Hawke College been sold, and if so, who were the buyers and what did they pay for the lots;
- (f) Would the Minister provide copies of minutes from Development WA Subiaco Land Redevelopment Committee's meetings from 2018 onwards, and if not, why not;
- (g) Was the Heritage Council consulted about heritage requirements within the Subiaco East precinct, and if not, why not;
- (h) If the Heritage Council was consulted, did they express any concerns about proposed developments around the Subiaco Oval and will the Minister provide copies of their advice; and
- (i) If the Heritage Council was consulted, will the Minister table correspondence from them pertaining to Subiaco East planning, and if not, why not?

857. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Police:

I refer the Minister to the matter of two males, aged 15 and 18, who allegedly stole a car from Cottesloe and were subsequently involved in a police chase on 2 January 2023, as reported in The West Australian on 3rd January 2023, and ask:

- (a) What is the name of the adult 18 year old male;
- (b) What charges were laid against:
 - (i) the 18 year old adult male; and
 - (ii) the 15 year old juvenile male;
- (c) Have one or both had their cases dealt with through the Courts, and if not, why not;
- (d) If either person has been dealt with through the Courts, what was the outcome for each;

- (e) Did the Police apprehend two other people that were wanted in relation to this alleged car theft; and
- (f) If so, will the Minister provide details of their names, ages, charges laid against them and, if completed, the outcome of any Court appearance?

858. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Energy:

I refer the Minister to the answer provided for Question on Notice 618 (b) by which it was claimed that there is no cost to the public for reserve capacity, and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister confirm whether or not payments were made to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) or any non-government entity for reserve capacity sought by AEMO in the process that closed in October 2022 (for the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) network);
- (b) How many non government entities responded to AEMO's request for reserve capacity;
- (c) How many offers of reserve capacity from non-government entities were chosen by AEMO; and
- (d) How much money was paid to AEMO and/or those entities for the reserve capacity for the 2022/23 summer?

859. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Transport:

I refer the Minister to the answer provided for Question on Notice 619, and ask:

- (a) Of the lines listed in answer 619 (a), which ones are officially closed and are not kept on care and maintenance;
- (b) Of the lines listed in answer 619 (a), which are not being used but are still on care and maintenance;
- (c) Can the Minister provide the dates and relevant communication from the rail lease holder showing when the government was notified of the decision to cease using each of those lines; and
- (d) Can the Minister provide official documents showing the government's agreement with the rail lease holder for those lines to be closed, and if not, why not?

860. Dr D.J. Honey to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests:

I refer to the action by the Commissioner of State Revenue, undertaken through the Federal Court, to have the company Anthemis wound up, and I ask:

- (a) What was the reason for the action to wind up the company;
- (b) What other options were available for resolving the problem with Anthemis;
- (c) Why was no other option pursued beyond winding up the company; and
- (d) Has the court action finished, and if so, what was the outcome and what benefit did the state gain from the court action?

861. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the case of Abellio Pty Ltd which was fined \$100,000 by the Magistrates Court, in April 2014, case numbers 1305706, 1305684, 1305695 and 1305663, and ask:

- (a) Why did the Health Department wait more than four years, until June 2018, to refer the matter to the Fines Enforcement Registry;
- (b) What caused the Department to refer the matter to the Fines Enforcement Registry in 2018;

- (c) Was the Health Department aware, in 2018, that the company, Abellio Pty Ltd, had been deregistered, and if not, when did the Department become aware of this; and
- (d) Did the Department consider pursuing the directors and / or owners of Abellio for the fines, and if not, why not?

862. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer the Minister to the London Bullion Market Association's (LBMA) announcement, dated 9th March 2023, which states that the Association takes very seriously allegations relating to the Perth Mint, and that it has invoked its Incident Review Process to review the Perth Mint as it treats very seriously incidents or issues that may adversely impact the credibility of their Good Delivery List, and this comes in addition to the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) investigation into the Mint, and I ask:

- (a) What is the Minister's understanding of the concerns held by the LBMA and Austrac with regard to the Mint; and
- (b) Will the Minister table correspondence from both the LBMA and AUSTRAC informing the Mint of their intention to investigate the Mint's activities, and if not, why not?

863. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer the Minister to the Perth Mint's GoldPass app which is now being shut down and ask:

- (a) Did the Mint obtain legal advice regarding its lawful obligations to adhere to Austrac's regulatory requirements and, if so, who provided the advice;
- (b) If such advice was obtained, did Mint management act in accordance with that advice; and
- (c) If such advice was obtained, was that advice known to any of the then CEO, the Board and the Minister?

864. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Energy:

I refer the Minister to reports that Western Power needs up to a year to complete work related to approvals for power connections for new developments, work which industry claims used to take about 12 weeks, and I ask:

- (a) Is the Minister aware of the serious problems Western Power is creating for development projects requiring power connections;
- (b) What are the principal causes of the delays in the approvals for such connections; and
- (c) Other than looking to recruit more people in the midst of a tight labour market, has the Minister considered any other options to reduce waiting times, such as sub-contracting the task to private sector expertise, and if not, why not?

865. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Heritage:

I refer the Minister to the Perth Mint's GoldPass app which is now being shut down, and ask:

- (a) How many transactions took place through the app;
- (b) What was the value of those transactions;
- (c) How many of those transactions involved the Perth Mint as a buyer or seller of gold;
- (d) What was the value of the transactions in (c);
- (e) How many transactions involved gold trading between third parties; and
- (f) What was the value of the transactions in (e)?

866. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

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- (e) How many transactions involved gold trading between third parties; and
- (f) What was the value of the transactions in (e)?

867. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Department of Transport's report into 'Perth's Ferry Services - Current Status and Future Use' report, and I ask:

- (a) Is an expanded ferry system still being actively considered by the Government;
- (b) If so, please detail the routes being considered by the Government; and
- (c) Does the Government have plans to commission another report into an expanded ferry system?

868. Ms M. Beard to the Minister for Lands:

I refer to answers provided in the Legislative Council on 16 August 2023 regarding the delivery of Workers Accommodation in Kalbarri, and I ask:

- (a) On what date did the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) last have contact with Petra Westkey and what was the nature of the contact;
- (b) Is the Minister aware the office located at 8 Buckingham Drive Wangara is closed, and when did the Minister first become aware;
- (c) Is the Minister aware a company trading as Petra Westkey operating out of 8 Buckingham Drive Wangara entered liquidation in May this year and when did he become aware;
- (d) Is the Minister aware the contact phone number for Petra Westkey directs callers to a disconnected phone number in Malaysia and when did he become aware;
- (e) Is your office or the DPLH investigating the concerns raised by the Opposition regarding Petra Westkey;
- (f) Will government commence a process for a new preferred proponent to deliver the Workers Accommodation commitment;
- (g) Has the Department provided a timeline for this new process;
- (h) Who provided the Minister with the advice stating Petra Westkey had not ceased operations in WA, and how have these claims been substantiated;
- (i) Have you or your office spoken or been in direct contact with Petra Westkey since they were announced as the preferred proponent in August 2022, and on what dates did this contacts take place;
- (j) Did Petra Westkey provide a timeline for delivery as part of the process for them to be announced as the preferred proponent for project delivery;
- (k) Did this timeline include specific milestones, and can this please be provided;
- (l) What due diligence did your department undertake with Petra Westkey ahead of their announcement as preferred project proponent; and
- (m) On what dates have you or your office contacted the Shire of Northampton to provide them with an update on this priority local project?

869. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Health:

For the past three financial years, how many babies were delivered at:

- (a) Private hospitals for each such hospital; and
- (b) Privately run public hospitals for each such hospital?

870. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Transport:

I refer the Minister to the lowering of the speed limit on Marmion Avenue through the northern suburbs, and ask:

- (a) Will the Minister provide the data and analysis underpinning the decision;
- (b) Have speed limits been reduced for any other arterial roads in Perth; and
- (c) If yes to (b), can you provide list of roads and details of the changes?

871. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:

I refer to Water Corporation's licensing and drawdown of water from ground water sources in the south west for the past five financial years, and ask:

- (a) What is Water Corp's licensed allocation of water from each of the Yarragadee and Leederville aquifers;
- (b) What is Water Corp's licensed allocation of water from each of Gngangara, Jandakot and any other superficial aquifers;
- (c) How much water did Water Corp draw from each of the Yarragadee and Leederville aquifers over the past five years; and
- (d) How much water did Water Corp draw from each of the Gngangara, Jandakot and any other superficial aquifers over the past five years?

872. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Transport:

I refer the Minister to the press release dated 28 May 2017 which announced a schedule for Metronet rail projects with expected timelines given as follows, Airport end of 2020, Yanchep complete in 2021, Thornlie complete 2021, Ellenbrook complete 2022, Byford complete in 2023, and I ask:

- (a) Would the Minister table any government agency document provided to the Minister in 2017 that outlined the project schedule and provided some detail as to how this timeline for five rail lines would be met, and if not, why not; and
- (b) Would the Minister table the relevant document that first informed the Minister that the plan for five rail lines by 2023 cannot be met, and if not, why not?

873. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer the Minister to the government's special arrangement with Mineral Resources after 2017 that allows the company to forego royalty payments for iron ore produced at its Koolyanobbing mine, and ask:

- (a) When did this arrangement for Mineral Resources begin and is it still in place;
- (b) If the royalty reprieve had not been in place, how much money would have been paid in royalties for the mine since the reprieve was granted;
- (c) Is there a time limit as to how long this arrangement will last;
- (d) Does the royalty reprieve end if the iron ore price exceeds a certain price and, if so, what is that price;
- (e) In light of the iron ore price being notably higher for most of the time since the special deal was done, has the government made any effort to end the special arrangement, and if not, why not;
- (f) Was the Minister for Mines involved in the discussions over this arrangement;

- (g) Were any other Ministers involved in those discussion, including then Premier McGowan;
- (h) If the answer to the above question is yes, which Minister, including former Premier McGowan, were involved in those discussions and, if so, what was their involvement;
- (i) Was there any discussion within government about setting a time limit on the deal, and if so, why wasn't a time limit set; and
- (j) Was there any discussion within government about setting an iron ore price threshold so that the royalty relief would end if iron ore price rose beyond a certain limit, and if so, why wasn't an iron ore price threshold set?

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
