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Wednesday, 15 August 2007

- 2598. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment
- 2599. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 2601. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 2602. Mr R.F. Johnson to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2603. Mr R.F. Johnson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2604. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government
- 2605. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2606. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

2607. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise

In relation to the recent resignations of the Chair of the Technology and Industry Advisory Council and the Chair of the Information Communication Technologies (ICT) Forum, did the Minister request their resignations; and:

- (a) if so, what were the reasons for this request; and
- (b) if the Minister did not request their resignations, did they tender their resignations due to a loss of confidence in the Minister?

2608. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many Chiefs of Staff has the Minister had since becoming a Minister;
- (b) what were the beginning and end dates of the term of service of each Chief of Staff?
- (c) what were the reasons for each Chief of Staff leaving the Minister's service?

2609. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise

Is the recently announced resignation of the Director General of the Department of Industry and Resources, related to a loss of confidence in the Minister; and

- (a) if not, what were his stated reasons for tendering his resignation?

2610. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Premier

- (1) How many people (headcount) are currently working in the Policy Division of the Premier's office?
- (2) How many of these people are:
  - (a) term of Government employees;
  - (b) permanent Public Servants; and
  - (c) seconded from other departments or agencies?
- (3) Of those who are seconded:
  - (a) from which department or agency are they seconded;
  - (b) which department or agency pays their salary;
  - (c) which department or agency bears the cost of their leave entitlements;
  - (d) which department or agency bears the cost of any vehicle leasing fees (where applicable); and
  - (e) which department or agency bears the cost of any other incidental employment expenses, such as mobile phones and travel?

2611. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to problems caused by the weed Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), can the Minister confirm:

- (a) is the Department of Agriculture and Food involved in any new biological trials into eradicating Paterson's Curse;

- (b) have non-native insects *Mogulones larvatas* and *Mogulones geographicus* or other insects been introduced into Western Australia to control Paterson's Curse; and
- (i) if yes, have the trials proved successful?

2612. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Consumer Protection

I refer to the Minister's answer to my Question on Notice number 2410, and ask:

- (a) What specific section(s) of which Act(s) gave the Minister the power to grant approval to Reward Insurance Limited on 22nd May 2001?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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