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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 210

Tuesday, 17 June 2008

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice Given **Wednesday, 6 December 2006**

4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 20 March 2007**

4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4519. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4520. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4521. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4574. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4575. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4576. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 8 April 2008**

6146. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 29 2008*)

Notice Given **Wednesday, 9 April 2008**

6207. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy (*SO 138(d) response - June 3 2008*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 6 May 2008**

6232. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)

6233. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)

6264. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)

6283. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)

6284. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)

6285. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 13 May 2008**

6307. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

6309. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

6311. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works

6313. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

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6320. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

6321. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

6322. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

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- 6329. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 6332. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 6333. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Youth
- 6334. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Government Enterprises
- 6335. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 6336. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 6337. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 6338. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 6339. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection
- 6340. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 6341. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Child Protection
- 6342. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 6343. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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- 6361. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 6362. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Forestry
- 6363. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt
- 6364. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Great Southern
- 6365. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government
- 6366. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 6367. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship
- 6368. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Government Enterprises
- 6369. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 6370. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance
- 6371. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Youth
- 6372. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development
- 6373. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Employment Protection
- 6374. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Fisheries
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- 6377. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Communities
- 6378. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Women's Interests
- 6379. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering
- 6380. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 6381. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal-State Relations
- 6382. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Trade
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- 6385. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 6386. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
- 6387. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 6388. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 6389. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 6390. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Community Safety
- 6391. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 6392. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 6393. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General
- 6394. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
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- 6396. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 6397. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 6398. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Heritage
- 6399. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Land Information
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- 6401. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 6402. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- 6403. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 6404. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection
- 6405. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 6406. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West
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- 6411. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business
- 6412. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 6413. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Climate Change
- 6414. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Peel
- 6415. Hon Brian Ellis to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 6416. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works

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- 6417. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 6418. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 6419. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 6420. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 6422. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 6423. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

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6424. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
6425. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services
6426. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
6427. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6428. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation

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6429. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services
6430. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources

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6431. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How many taxi plates has the Government leased in each of the past five years?
- (2) What is the annual lease fee for these taxi plates?
- (3) Can these taxi plates be purchased by the leaseholder?
- (4) If yes to (3), -
 - (a) what is the cost; and
 - (b) what conditions apply to such a purchase?
- (5) What is the public policy supporting the decision of the Government to lease taxi plates?
- (6) What benefits have flowed from the decision of the Government to lease taxi plates?
- (7) Is there evidence to show that the decision of the Government to lease taxi plates has caused the lease fee on private taxi plates to be reduced?
- (8) If yes to (7), by what approximate amount?

6432. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the site for the new Fiona Stanley Hospital, and ask -

- (1) Did the flora and vegetation assessment for the site indicate that development will or may have a negative impact on any critically endangered species?
- (2) If yes to (1), -
 - (a) which species;
 - (b) what is the nature of the risk; and
 - (c) how will the risk to each species be managed?
- (3) Did the fauna assessment for the site indicate that development of the site will or may have a negative impact on any fauna species, whether specifically on site or in the metropolitan area generally?
- (4) If yes to (3), -
 - (a) which species?
 - (b) what is the nature of the risk?
 - (c) how will the risk to each species be managed?
- (5) Have any previously cleared sites been considered as an alternative site for the development?

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- (6) If yes to (5), for each alternative site, -
- (a) what is the location of the site; and
 - (b) what are the reasons it was rejected?

6433. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to questions without notice Nos' 415 and 455, in relation to the Apache Energy Devil Creek Development, and question on notice No. 3782, asked of the Minister for Environment, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct as stated by the Minister that as the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) had not completed an environmental impact assessment under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, the Minister was not authorised by law to make such a s18 decision, after the ACMC had met and made a recommendation to the Minister?
- (2) Is it correct in part nine, ten and eleven of question on notice No. 3782 asked of the Minister for Environment that the EPA cannot make a decision in respect of projects until advice has been received whether a proposal can be assessed?
- (3) If yes to (2), at what level, once the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee has provided advice on the application?
- (4) Will the Minister outline the correct chronology of decision making in respect of her Department on these issues?

6434. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

With regard to question on notice No. 3782 and questions without notice No. 415 and 455 asked of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct in part nine, ten and eleven of question on notice No. 3782 asked of the Minister for Environment that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) cannot make a decision in respect of projects until advice has been received whether a proposal can be assessed?
- (2) If yes to (1), at what level, once the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee has provided advice on the application?
- (3) Is it correct as stated by the Minister of Indigenous Affairs that as the EPA had not completed an environmental impact assessment under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* the Minister was not authorised by law to make such a s18 decision, after the ACMC had met and made a recommendation to the Minister?
- (4) Will the Minister outline the correct chronology of decision making in respect of his Department on these issues?

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6435. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
With regard to question on notice No. 3782 and Senate question No. 398 asked of the Federal Minister for Heritage, Environment and Arts in respect of M47/112, M47/29 and M47/326 leases, I ask -

- (1) Did the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in making its decisions in respect of answers to parts 13-15 of question No. 3782, communicate the proposal to the Federal Department of Heritage, Environment and Arts?
- (2) Did the EPA make its decision that the environmental impacts were not so significant as to warrant formal environment impact assessment after receiving advice from the Federal Department of Heritage, Environment and Arts?
- (3) If no to (1) and (2), why was a decision made in respect of M47/112, M47/29 and M47/326, two of which fall in part within National Heritage listed area of the Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula) without referral or advice from the Department of Heritage, Environment and Arts?
- (4) Was the matter referred under the EPBC Act to the Department of Heritage, Environment and Arts?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

6436. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

With regard to the Burrup Peninsula, Dampier Archipelago and Indigenous Heritage, I ask -

- (1) Has correspondence from a United Nations body or other such similar organisation been received by the Minister, the Department or authorities pertaining to the Dampier Archipelago, Burrup Peninsula or the Woodside Pluto development?
- (2) If yes to (1), -
 - (a) what was the nature of that correspondence; and
 - (b) will the Minister table a copy of that correspondence?
- (3) Did the Minister, the Department or any authority respond to that correspondence?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the Minister table a copy of the response?
- (5) Which Agencies of Government were involved in responding to that correspondence?
- (6) Was the Minister aware of this correspondence prior to this question being asked?
- (7) If yes to (6), on what date?

6437. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to question without notice No. 191, asked on 18 March 2008, and ask -

- (1) To what extent would the following actions rectify the problems associated with the power supply in East Augusta, -

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- (a) an additional three phase automatic re-closer specifically for the Governor Broome Line;
 - (b) the upgrade of the cable size to avoid damage by birds; and
 - (c) the replacement of the insulators?
- (2) In light of (1), why isn't this/these action/s taken to address the power problems to this area?
- (3) What progress has been made on the replacing the insulators on the East Augusta Line?
- (4) Where was the East Augusta Feeder ranked in the '40 worst feeder program', and why haven't all of the problems associated with this feeder been remedied since?
- (5) Where is the feeder that services Governor Broome Road ranked in the '40 worst feeder program', and why haven't all of the problems associated with this feeder been remedied since?
- (6) When were the power poles on the East Augusta Line first established, and what upgrades have been undertaken on these lines since?

6438. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government

I refer to farm inspections by the Department's animal welfare inspectors, and ask -

- (1) How many inspections have occurred in 2007-2008 to date?
- (2) For each inspection that has occurred in 2007-2008:
 - (a) what was the location;
 - (b) what was the industry; and
 - (c) was notice given?
- (3) If yes to (2)(c), how much notice was given?
- (4) Are there any animal cruelty proceedings currently underway in regard to cases of cruelty on farms?
- (5) If yes to (4), -
 - (a) how many; and
 - (b) which industries are involved?
- (6) What budget was there for this work in 2007-2008?
- (7) What budget is there for this work in 2008-2009?

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