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4548. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Fourth Annual Kimberley Energy and Resources Development Conference held on 9 and 10 May 2011, Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome at which Dr Ivor Roberts, Executive Director - Mineral Titles Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, spoke on 'Government initiatives and mineral project approvals in the Kimberley', and I ask -

- (1) Is the Government reviewing how coal gasification licences are to be administered?
- (2) What administrative regime is preferred by the Minister -
 - (a) by Petroleum Licensing; or
 - (b) by Mining Licensing?
- (3) In the same context as (1) and (2), has the Minister reviewed the licensing process of hydraulic fracturing or hydrofracking for the recovery of oil and natural gas?
- (4) If yes to (3), what administrative regime is preferred to by the Minister?
- (5) How many companies are investigating coal gasification options in Western Australia?
- (6) Will the Minister table a list of corporations investigating coal gasification options in Western Australia and their area of research?

4549. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Fourth Annual Kimberley Energy and Resources Development Conference held on 9 and 10 May 2011, Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome at which Dr Ivor Roberts, Executive Director - Mineral Titles Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, spoke on 'Government initiatives and mineral project approvals in the Kimberley', and I ask -

- (1) Is the Government negotiating with the Commonwealth Government for the Paladin Company to access the Oobagooma Uranium deposit on Commonwealth Defence Lands?
- (2) If yes to (1), what stage are the negotiations at?
- (3) When does the Minister expect that negotiations are likely to conclude?
- 4550. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- (1) Regarding the answer given to my question on notice No. 3874 on 28 June 2011, if the Department is not monitoring how many local authorities adopt the non-mandatory guide to the management of pesticides in local government pest control programs in Western Australia -
 - (a) how is the Department monitoring the effectiveness of the guide in ensuring good practice;

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- (b) how will the Department identify whether the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011* need to be amended to make compliance with the guide mandatory;
- (c) how will the Department and/or the Executive Director Public Health, identify whether compliance with the guidelines ought to be made a licence condition when considering licences issued or carried over under the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations* 2011; and
- (d) what proportion of licences issued or carried over under the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011* currently contain a condition that the guidelines must be complied with?
- (2) How many licences have been issued or carried over under the *Health (Pesticides)* Regulations 2011?
- (3) Regarding the answer to (2) -
 - (a) how many of those licences are subject to one or more conditions; and
 - (b) of those, will you please specify -
 - (i) the nature of each condition that has been imposed;
 - (ii) the number of licence-holders who are subject to that type of condition; and
 - (iii) the reasons underlying the imposition of the condition?
- (4) How many permits have been applied for under the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011?*
- (5) Regarding the answer to (4) -
 - (a) what criteria are taken into account in deciding whether to -
 - (i) grant the application;
 - (ii) grant the application on condition(s); or
 - (iii) refuse the application?
 - (b) how many permit applications have been granted without conditions?
 - (c) how many permit applications have been granted with conditions?
 - (d) what is the nature of the conditions imposed on these permits?
 - (e) how many permit applications have been refused?
- (6) How many FTE staff are directly employed in -
 - (a) monitoring compliance with the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011* (including compliance with any conditions imposed under that legislation); and
 - (b) enforcement where there has been non-compliance with the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011* or a condition imposed under that legislation?
- (7) Will you introduce legislation, whether via the anticipated *Public Health Bill* or separately, to increase the maximum penalty imposed under the *Health Act 1911* for breach of the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011*?

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- (8) If yes to (7), when?
- (9) If no to (7), why not?
- 4551. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the new Busselton Health Campus, and I ask -

- (1) Regarding the appropriate setbacks from the coast to ensure adequate protection from coastal processes, has the Department for Transport been contacted by -
 - (a) Building Management and Works; and/or
 - (b) the Department of Health?
- (2) If yes to (1), what advice has been provided by the Department for Transport to -
 - (a) Building Maintenance and Works; and/or
 - (b) the Department of Health?
- (3) If yes to (1), do the setbacks include results of coastal erosion modelling undertaken by Damara Pty Ltd for -
 - (a) 0.4m;
 - (b) 0.9m; and
 - (c) 1.1m sea level rise scenarios?
- (4) Will the Department for Transport be ensuring road access to the Busselton Hospital in the event of a one in 500 year flood event?
- (5) If yes to (4), please provide details of how.
- (6) If yes to (4), has the cost of providing road access in a one in 500 year flood been included in the existing budget of \$117.9 million for the Busselton Health Campus?
- (7) If no to (6), what is the estimated additional cost?
- (8) Will alterations to roads adjacent to the new Busselton Health Campus be required to accommodate increased traffic?
- (9) If yes to (8), is this included in the existing budget of \$117.9 million budget?
- (10) If no to (8), what is the estimated additional cost?
- (11) Will the Shire of Busselton be required to contribute to the cost of any road alterations?
- 4552. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to my question without notice No. 031, and I ask -

(1) Has the Government, through the Department or Minister for Regional Development, given any assurances, either written or verbal, to Karara Mining Ltd and/or its joint venture partners in regards to Karara's application for a water licence?

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- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister please table any documentation pertaining to this assurance or if it was a verbal assurance give details of it?
- (3) If no to (1), can the Minister offer any explanation as to why the company proceeded with the building of the pipeline before approvals had been granted?
- 4553. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to my question without notice No. 031, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Government, through the Department or the Premier, given any assurances, either written or verbal, to Karara Mining Ltd and/or its joint venture partners in regards to Karara's application for a water licence?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Premier please table any documentation pertaining to this assurance or if it was a verbal assurance give details of it?
- (3) If no to (1), can the Premier offer any explanation as to why the company proceeded with the building of the pipeline before approvals had been granted?
- 4554. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development

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- (1) Has the Government, through the Department or Minister for State Development, given any assurances, either written or verbal, to Karara Mining Ltd and/or its joint venture partners in regards to Karara's application for a water licence?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister please table any documentation pertaining to this assurance or if it was a verbal assurance give details of it?
- (3) If no to (1), can the Minister offer any explanation as to why the company proceeded with the building of the pipeline before approvals had been granted?
- 4555. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to my question without notice No. 031, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Government, through the Department or Minister for Mines and Petroleum, given any assurances, either written or verbal, to Karara Mining Ltd and/or its joint venture partners in regards to Karara's application for a water licence?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister please table any documentation pertaining to this assurance or if it was a verbal assurance give details of it?
- (3) If no to (1), can the Minister offer any explanation as to why the company proceeded with the building of the pipeline before approvals had been granted?

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4556. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the Gnangara Sustainability Strategy (GSS), for which public submissions closed on 31 August 2009 and the Analysis of Public Submissions that was made available in November 2009. The answer to my question without notice No. 451 confirmed that the Gnangara Coordinating Committee has received a final version of the GSS with costings, etc. The answer to my question without notice No. 464 stated that the Gnangara Sustainability Strategy was still subject to considerable public consultation and implied that the document has not yet been finalised, and I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister please reconcile these conflicting answers?
- (2) When did the Minister, or the previous Minister, receive a copy of the final version of the GSS?
- (3) If the Minister has not received a final copy of the GSS, can he explain why the process is taking so long?

4557. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services

I refer to the individualised funding pilot program run in conjunction with Ben's Administration Company, and I ask -

- (1) What evaluation criteria were put in place before the pilot was commenced?
- (2) Were criteria or targets for success determined in advance?
- (3) If yes to (2), what were these targets and how were they to be measured?
- (4) Will an evaluation report be written?
- (5) If yes to (4), has the report been completed?
- (6) If yes to (5), please table a copy of the report.
- (7) If no to (5), when will the report be completed?
- (8) How will the findings of the evaluation be used to inform future work in this area?
- (9) What support was offered to Ben's Administration Company to understand and comply with Disability Services Commission's (DSC) requirements of -
 - (a) governance;
 - (b) accountability; and
 - (c) a funding plan as distinct from a budget?
- (10) Has the Commission developed templates or other supporting documents to assist potential future trial participants to comply with DSC requirements referred to in (9)?
- (11) If yes to (10), please table the documents.
- (12) If no to (10), why not?
- (13) What was the public criticism Ben's Administration Company is deemed to have made of the DSC and when and where did it occur?

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4558. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the presence of, and protection of workers from, styrene and other chemicals associated with the manufacture of fibreglass pools at Riverina Pools in Bayswater, and I ask -

- (1) Has Worksafe received any reports or concerns about worker health and safety at this factory?
- (2) If yes to (1), when were each of the reports received?
- (3) What investigation has Worksafe undertaken and when?
- (4) What was the outcome of that investigation(s)?
- (5) If no investigation has been undertaken, why not?
- (6) What, if any, enforcement activity has Worksafe undertaken at this site?
- (7) Is Worksafe satisfied with the current arrangements at this site?
- 4559. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Premier (on Public Sector Management)

I refer to the City of Gosnells plan to develop Lot 800 Albany Highway, close to the Gosnells train station, and I ask -

- (1) Is the Premier aware of the City of Gosnells proposal to Lot 800 Albany Highway, close to Gosnells train station?
- (2) Has the Premier, or any other agencies had any conversations with the City of Gosnells regarding the potential for re-locating a small-to-midsize Government Agency to Gosnells?
- 4560. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the proposal to transfer existing public housing stock from Homeswest to the private housing NGO's in the City of Gosnells, and I ask - $\,$

- (1) What is the current status of this proposal?
- (2) How many dwellings are likely to be considered for this proposal?
- (3) Has, or will, the Department of Housing quantify the potential loss of rates income to the City of Gosnells?
- (4) If yes to (3), what is that likely loss?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) If yes to (3), will the Government provide financial or other assistance to the City of Gosnells to mitigate the impact of this loss?
- (7) If yes to (6), what is the nature of this assistance likely to be and how long will it last?
- (8) If no to (6), why not?

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4561. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water I refer to the Thomas Road bore in Nannup, and I ask -

- (1) Does WaterCorp still intend for this bore to return to its supplementary role for the Bridgetown Regional Water Supply Scheme once works at the Millstream dam are complete?
- (2) If yes to (1), when does WaterCorp anticipate this will take place?
- (3) If no to (1), what is the justification for retaining the current level of extraction at the Thomas Road bore site?
- (4) Does WaterCorp still plan for the water from that bore to be treated by salt-water electrolysis?
- (5) If no to (4) -
 - (a) what process will be used to treat the water; and
 - (b) at which location will this treatment take place?
- (6) Will the Minister please explain the purpose of the stockpile of chlorine at the site?
- (7) If the water is now proposed to be treated by chlorination at the Thomas Road bore site, will the Minister please table the written guarantee that residents received that this would not be happening?
- 4562. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to question on notice No. 4259 and to Western Australia school teachers who have been deregistered by the Western Australian College of Teaching (WACOT) for failing to renew their registration before expiry, and I ask -

- (1) Does the College collect data about why people have chosen not to renew their WACOT registration?
- (2) If yes to (1), please provide this information for each of the years from 2009 to 2011.
- (3) Have any teachers advised WACOT that they have not re-registered because they considered the registration process to be overly burdensome?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many?
- 4563. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to the Western Australian College of Teaching (WACOT), and I ask -

- (1) Have any teachers have been investigated by the College following allegations of misconduct relating to the process of their re-registration with WACOT?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many?
- (3) Have any teachers have been charged with misconduct by WACOT due to conduct relating to the re-registration process?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many?

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- (5) For each case in (3) -
 - (a) please describe the nature of the charges; and
 - (b) please provide information on any disciplinary action taken by WACOT.
- 4564. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the ongoing research program being carried out by the Western Australian Museum, the Water Corporation and the Tourist Commission to monitor 14 Baudin's Cockatoo nests throughout the South-West of Western Australia, and I ask -

- (1) Where are these 14 nests located?
- (2) Have any further nests been identified?
- (3) If yes to (2), where are they located?
- 4565. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning I refer to the State Government's proposed Perth foreshore redevelopment, and I ask -
- (1) Is it anticipated that excavation of the foreshore will be required in order to proceed with the development?
- (2) If yes to (1), when do you anticipate excavation of the foreshore to begin?
- (3) How much soil is proposed to be removed?
- (4) Where are you proposing to site the excavated soil from the foreshore redevelopment?
- (5) Has there been testing done of the soil that is intended to be excavated?
- (6) If yes to (5), can the Minister provide the results?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?
- 4566. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 4252. I also refer to the Guide to Testing and Tagging Portable Electrical Equipment and Residual Current Devices at Workplaces, published jointly by the WorkSafe division of the Department of Commerce and the Resources Safety division of the Department of Mines and Petroleum (Guide to Testing and Tagging) which states that a competent person should be able to demonstrate that he or she has been issued with a statement of attainment or certificate from the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that has an identifying number unique to the holder and indicates the registration number of the RTO, and I ask -

- (1) Who is responsible for issuing the identifying number unique to the holder referred to in the Guide to Testing and Tagging?
- (2) Pursuant to which law or regulation are the RTOs identified in the answer to question on notice No. 4252 required to issue a statement of attainment or certificate that has a unique identifying number as required by the Guide to Testing and Tagging?

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- (3) Have all of the students deemed competent for 'Carrying out Testing and Tagging Electrical Equipment' referred to in the answer to part four of question on notice No. 4252 been issued with a statement of attainment or a certificate that has a unique identifying number?
- (4) Have all of the students deemed competent for 'Carrying out Testing and Tagging Electrical Equipment' by private training providers (where this activity is not reported to the Department) referred to in the answer to part four of question on notice No. 4252 been issued with a statement of attainment or a certificate that has a unique identifying number?
- 4567. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Geosciences information and advice service provided by the Department of Mines and Petroleum, and I ask -

- (1) How much money, by financial year, has been or will be spent by the Department to undertake geophysical surveys in the North Perth Basin in -
 - (a) 1995-2000;
 - (b) 2000-2005;
 - (c) 2005-2010;
 - (d) 2010-2011; and
 - (e) 2011-2012?
- (2) For the same time periods, how much money, if any, has been provided to exploration companies in the form of grants to undertake exploration in the North Perth Basin?
- 4568. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the projected \$850,000 to be spent in the Kimberley for community action plans and other services to address mental health, and I ask -

- (1) How much has been spent to date?
- (2) What services have been procured to date?
- (3) Where are these services located?
- (4) Which of these services are being offered to remote communities?
- (5) How often are these services being offered to remote communities?
- 4569. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the 30 beds at the Mental Health Unit at Rockingham General Hospital, and I ask -

- (1) Have the 30 beds at Rockingham General Hospital been authorised?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) When will the beds at Rockingham General Hospital be authorised?

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- 4570. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
- (1) How many employers were registered under Component A of the Priority Start Building Program (PSBP) in -
 - (a) 2010; and
 - (b) as at 28 June 2011?
- (2) How many apprentices were employed under the PSBP in -
 - (a) 2010; and
 - (b) as at 28 June 2011?
- (3) How many trainees were employed under the PSBP in -
 - (a) 2010; and
 - (b) as at 28 June 2011?
- (4) How many contractors applied for provisional certification under the PSBP in -
 - (a) 2010; and
 - (b) as at 28 June 2011?
- 4571. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to Enterprise Migration Agreements, and I ask -

- (1) How many resources companies have applied for project approval and provided workforce impact statements?
- (2) How many resources companies have been approved and which companies are they?
- 4572. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

What is the total number of patient suicides that have occurred at all State run mental health facilities over the following financial years -

- (a) 2008-2009; and
- (b) 2009-2010?
- 4573. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the new mental health unit at Rockingham Hospital remains unauthorised (unable to take involuntary clients), so the beds which have been opened are for voluntary clients only?
- (2) If yes to (1), why have the beds not been authorised and when is it expected that they will be?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the shortage of locked beds and the delay in opening the locked beds at Rockingham Hospital is causing major problems in hospital emergency departments?

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4574. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to the Auditor General's Public Sector Performance Report 2011 in relation to the Priority Start - Building Policy, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister table the 2009 review that identified problems with this policy's implementation?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- 4575. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the outlawing of synthetic cannabis, and I ask -

- (1) Given that the Australian Medical Association Western Australia President Dr David Mountain stated that 'health authorities around the world have identified 200 substances used to create synthetic cannabis', why have you no way of enforcing a ban on emerging forms of synthetic cannabis?
- (2) Have any additional resources been allocated to identify alternate solutions?
- (3) If yes to (2), what are they?

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