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351. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

I refer to the cancellation of support for the Aboriginal Justice Council (AJC) -

- (1) Who will report on Government compliance with matters contained in previous reports of the AJC?
- (2) Who will in future report on compliance with the report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and the Aboriginal Justice Plan?
- (3) Where have the moneys previously allocated to the AJC been reallocated?

352. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

- (1) What moneys have at any time been granted by the State or State instrumentalities to the Aboriginal Housing Development Authority (AHDA)?
- (2) Did the AHDA fully and properly acquit all Government moneys allocated to it?
- (3) If not, in respect of what years and what amounts did it fail to fully and properly acquit all Government moneys allocated to it?

353. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

- (1) Is the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme for prisons currently funded?
- (2) Which agency (Government or non-Government) is responsible for its expenditure?
- (3) What amounts were -
 - (a) budgeted; and
 - (b) spent;
 - (i) in 2000/2001; and
 - (ii) 2001/2002?

354. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

- (1) Have any fires been lit by prisoners in cells at any prison since January 2001?
- (2) If so, -
 - (a) how many;
 - (b) at which prisons; and
 - (c) when?

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355. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
- (1) What increased revenues has the State (including State instrumentalities which are corporatised) received from -
 - (a) taxes introduced since February 10 2001;
 - (b) taxes in which the applicable rate has been increased since February 10 2001;
 - (c) taxes where the applicable rules of assessment have changed since February 10 2001;
 - (d) taxes where policy changes have resulted in increased tax recovery since February 10 2001;
 - (e) charges which have been introduced or increased since February 10 2001; and
 - (f) dividends from Government trading enterprises which have been increased since February 10 2001?
 - (2) Over what those revenues would have been had those changes not occurred for the periods -
 - (a) February 10 2001 to March 31 2001;
 - (b) April 1 2001 to June 30 2001;
 - (c) July 1 2001 to September 30 2001;
 - (d) October 1 2001 to December 31 2001;
 - (e) January 1 2002 to March 31 2002;
 - (f) April 1 2002 to June 30 2002;
 - (g) July 1 2002 to September 30 2002; and
 - (h) October 1 2002 to December 31 2002?
356. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
- (1) Is Kate George employed by the Department of Justice?
 - (2) If so, -
 - (a) what is the title of the position; and
 - (b) what level is she employed at?
357. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
- (1) What was the policy reason that the convicted drug dealer Musarri (sic) was not prosecuted for his blatant refusal to answer questions at the Police Royal Commission?
 - (2) What was the policy reason for prosecuting the author Avon Lovell who later fully co-operated and whose reasons for non co-operation in the first instance were based on a wish that the evidence be used first in the Court of Criminal Appeal?
 - (3) Will the Government consider pardoning Avon Lovell from payment?

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358. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy
- (1) What charges are made to a householder to reconnect power when the mains power cable is broken by a storm?
 - (2) Has this charge been altered in the last three years?
 - (3) If so, what changes have occurred and at what dates?
 - (4) What work is the householder responsible for to have carried out by their own electrician?
359. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Have there been any cutbacks in the railway service on the rail to Fremantle?
 - (2) In particular -
 - (a) has there been any reduction in the frequency of trains;
 - (b) has there been any increase in the omission of stops at a particular station; and
 - (c) have any stations been permanently or semi-permanently omitted?
 - (3) If so, please provide particulars?
360. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- (1) If a school voluntary contribution is set under s99 of the *School Education Act*, is a school able to impose any sanction on a student whose parents do not pay that contribution?
 - (2) If a school purported to do so, what do you recommend that a parent does to remedy the situation?
361. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
- (1) Have any concerns been expressed by staff or the Inspector of Custodial Services in the past 12 months about security at -
 - (a) any prison; and
 - (b) any juvenile detention facility?
 - (2) If so, -
 - (a) what were the concerns expressed;
 - (b) when were they expressed;
 - (c) how have they been addressed; and
 - (d) has any action been taken by -
 - (i) the staff as a group; or
 - (ii) an individual staff member expressed to be because of concerns over security?

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- (3) If so, who took the action, and what was it?

362. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to private water supply service companies such as Nilgin Service Co Ltd which has an operating licence issued by the Office of Water Regulation -

- (1) Why are private water supply providers such as Nilgin Service Co Ltd, exempt from the requirement to hold an licence under the Water Service Coordination (Plumbing Licensing) Regulations 2000 which means that unqualified people can work on water supplies operated by companies with an operating licence?
- (2) What long term measures have put in place by the Office of Water Regulation to ensure that those who hold water supply operating licences including private water companies such as Nilgin Service Company have qualified or licensed people working on water supplies?
- (3) Will the review of the *Water Services Coordination Act 1995* be examining the need for the licensing of qualified employees of private water supply providers and recommending an essential minimum qualification for people working on water supplies including water quality testing?
- (4) Why does the State Government provide a pensioner rebate only to those pensioners who have access to services provided by the Water Corporation, effectively discriminating against those who have to access service provided by a private water company?
- (5) Why are fixed charge water rates and consumption charges for Nilgin Service Co Ltd favouring the larger water users at the expense of pensioners who do not have equitable access to rebates like those provided by the Water Corporation?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council