

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 191

Wednesday, 19 March 2008

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5971. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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5984. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

5985. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

5986. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister for Child Protection

5987. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

5988. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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5995. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

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5999. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources

6000. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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6001. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Employment Protection

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6002. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services

6003. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

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6004. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

6005. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

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6008. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the issue of trading hours and the 'No' vote by the people of Western Australia at a referendum, and I ask -

- (1) In the intervening period since the referendum, has the Government conducted or commissioned any research into the impact of the introduction of extended trading hours on, -
 - (a) small businesses in Western Australia, including all operating costs;
 - (b) prices;
 - (c) family life of small business owners;
 - (d) employment; and
 - (e) inflationary pressures?
- (2) If so, what are the results of this research?
- (3) If not, will the Premier guarantee that the Government will undertake such research and publish the results well in advance of the next State Election, so that those who have already rejected the concept of extended trading hours may make an informed decision on the latest information available?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) In detail, what extended trading hours does the Premier and/or the Government envisage on, -
 - (a) weeknights; and
 - (b) weekends?
- (6) What flexibility will small business owners have to decide whether they wish to open under the proposed extended trading hours?
- (7) What protection does the Government propose for small business owners in shopping centres, to ensure that they are not compelled to open against their wishes?
- (8) Will the Government ensure that lease agreements for small business owners will not compel them to open against their wishes?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) Has the Government given any consideration to the hours at which a small business may open for business on a particular day, eg. 8.00 am, 8.30 am, 9.00 am, 9.30 am or 10.00 am?
- (11) If yes to (10), what are the details?
- (12) If no to (10), will it give such consideration?
- (13) If no to (12), why not?

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- (14) Will the Premier consider publishing a 'For' and 'Against' case concerning extended trading hours well in advance of the next State Election?
- (15) If no to (14), why not?

6009. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to the proposed redevelopment of the Allenswood Primary School site in Greenwood, and I ask -

- (1) What decisions have been made in respect of the disposal or educational uses of the site of the Allenswood Primary School?
- (2) If decisions have been made, what are they?
- (3) What is the timetable for such redevelopment?
- (4) If no decisions have been made, what proposals are being considered?
- (5) When is it expected that decisions will be made?
- (6) Is any community consultation proposed?
- (7) If yes to (6), when and in what form?
- (8) If no to (6), why not?

6010. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship

I refer to the Minister's answer to question without notice No. 1442 on Thursday 28 February 2008, and I ask -

- (1) Does the Minister intend to seek the agreement of the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship to release the report of the Centre of Muslim States and Societies into identifying factors that attract young people to extremist causes?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) What is the total cost of this research?
- (4) How much is being paid by the State Government and how much by the Federal Government?
- (5) Does the Minister believe it is proper for taxpayer-funded research to be released to the public?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

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6011. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Employment Protection

Further to your correspondence to me of 27 February 2008 regarding the redeployment and transfer of public sector employees from the Ombudsman's office to the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC), could the Minister please advise -

- (1) Did the original advice form the basis for redeployment for officers from the Ombudsman's office to the CCC?
- (2) By position and classification, which officers were redeployed to the CCC at the classification levels and rates of pay consistent with or higher than the level and classification they had when working for the Ombudsman immediately prior to redeployment?
- (3) By position and classification, which officers were redeployed to the CCC at classification levels and rates of pay less than they had when working for the Ombudsman immediately prior to redeployment?
- (4) Is it intended to take any action in regard to redeployments which may have been effected at classification levels and rates of pay which the reviewed advice would now suggest to be inappropriate?

6012. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

- (1) Has the mental health patient who allegedly stabbed mental health nurse Christine B. in September 2007 been formally charged with a crime as a result of that incident?
- (2) If yes to (1), what crime has the mental health patient been charged with?
- (3) Has the mental health patient who allegedly stabbed mental health nurse Christine B. in September 2007 been in custody since the incident?
- (4) If yes to (3), where has the mental health patient who allegedly stabbed mental health nurse Christine B. in September 2007 been housed?
- (5) Can you confirm that this mental health patient is in the general prison population?
- (6) What protection, if any, is provided for mentally ill persons incarcerated in the general prison population?
- (7) Is the mental health patient who allegedly stabbed mental health nurse Christine B. in September 2007 receiving mental health treatment?
- (8) If yes to (7), which public mental health services have provided treatment to this patient since the incident of September 2007?
- (9) In the three months prior to the September 2007 stabbing, on how many occasions did either the patient or his family attempt to have the patient admitted to a mental health treatment facility?
- (10) How many times were these attempts successful?
- (11) Will the full facts of his previous mental health history be presented by the prosecution as evidence of mitigation?

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6013. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

A Consumer Participation Plan was written following workshops and community consultations in 2004 - 2005. The Consumer Participation Plan has three stages, with implementation from 2005 - 2010, I ask -

- (1) Was the Consumer Participation Plan approved by Aaron Groves, then-Director of the Office of Mental Health?
- (2) Has the Consumer Participation Plan ever been approved by the Office of Mental Health?
- (3) If yes to (2), when and by whom?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?
- (5) The statewide Mental Health Services Consumer Participation Project Coordinator was appointed in December 2006. By type and monetary amount, what funding has been made available to the Coordinator?
- (6) What is the process by which the Coordinator must request funding to implement the project?
- (7) Who approves or denies requests for funding from the Coordinator?
- (8) How many requests for funding from the Coordinator have been approved?
- (9) How many requests for funding from the Coordinator have been denied?
- (10) How many request for funding from the Coordinator have been received?
- (11) By type and monetary amount, what specific support has been provided to the Coordinator, in terms of staff, equipment, office space, travel allowances, office supplies, telephones, professional development fees and costs, etc?
- (12) What is the process by which the Coordinator must request funding for support for her position?
- (13) How many requests for funding for support have been received?
- (14) How many requests for funding for support have been approved?
- (15) The goal of the project is the development of a statewide coordinated system of consumer participation integrated with public mental health services, the Office of Mental Health, the non-government sector, and the community. Three stages of development are proposed, with immediate implementation of the components of stage one. What is the status of each of the six components of stage one?
- (16) Stage two was to commence within 12 months, and is comprised of six elements. What is the status of each of the components of stage two?
- (17) What is the status of the formation of the consumer peak body, a non-government organization whose activities include individual advocacy, public relations, research, support groups, and information?
- (18) What is the status of the development of a statewide advocacy, education, training and information service (SAETIS) staffed by consumers and managed by an area mental health service?

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- (19) What is the status of the development of a statewide network of consumer participation coordinators?
 - (20) Community mental health was underspent by \$7 million for the 2004 - 2007 State Mental Health Action Plan. Do you agree that funding for the statewide Mental Health Services Consumer Participation Project is appropriately funded as community mental health?
6014. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- (1) How many staff at,-
 - (a) the central office of the Department of Education and Training (DET);
 - (b) the Curriculum Council; and
 - (c) each of the 14 District Offices,
 were requested to return to classroom teaching in 2008 in response to the teacher shortage?
 - (2) How many staff referred to in (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c), returned to the classroom in 2008?
 - (3) How many staff referred to in (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c), resigned from the DET as opposed to returning to the classroom?
 - (4) How many staff referred to in (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c), refused to return to the classroom as requested and did not resign from the DET?
 - (5) With reference to (4), what is the current place of employment of these teachers?

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