

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 132

Wednesday, 2 May 2007

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4619. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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4695. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations
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4699. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
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- 4705. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4706. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 4707. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
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- 4710. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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- 4712. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 4725. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Minister for Local Government
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- 4727. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 4728. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 4729. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 4730. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

Notice Given Thursday, 5 April 2007

- 4731. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4732. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4734. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Employment Protection
- 4735. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4736. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4737. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4738. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General
- 4739. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4740. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
- 4741. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

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- 4742. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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- 4746. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 4747. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 4748. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4749. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 4750. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
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- 4752. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4753. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4754. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 4755. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4756. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 4757. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
- 4758. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4759. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General
- 4760. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4761. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry
- 4762. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
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4764. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to King location 353, lease 1 134675 (3116/11650), and ask -

- (1) When was King location 353 identified as a prospective raw materials area under the Ord Stage 2 Project?
- (2) What is the nature of the raw materials identified?
- (3) Have surveys been undertaken to determine the extent of the raw materials identified?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), -
 - (a) when were the surveys completed and to what extent are the deposits usable; and
 - (b) will the Minister table a plan showing the extent of the usable deposits on location 353?
- (6) If no to (5b), why not?

4765. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
In relation to the Wellington Catchment, I ask -

- (1) How much money has been spent on the Wellington Catchment since 2001, from all State and Federal sources?
- (2) Which State and Federal programs have these been sourced from?
- (3) How much money was sourced from each program?
- (4) What are the forward estimates for expenditure on recovery of the Wellington Catchment for the next financial year?

4766. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

With reference to cockatoos and the logging and burning of our native forest, I ask -

- (1) Are Baudin, Carnaby and Forest red tail cockatoos, including their chicks, killed during or as a consequence of logging and controlled burning in Department of Environment and Conservation controlled forests?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the Department of Environment and Conservation's estimate of numbers killed through logging and controlled burning in 2005 and 2006?
- (3) What percentage of total population for each species does that number represent?

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- (4) What is the annual estimated percentage population growth for each species?

4767. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry

In relation to the logging of our native forest, I ask -

- (1) What are the estimated total cubic metres of logs currently sitting on landings throughout our State forest that were logged under Forest Products Commission's logging schedules?
- (2) What is the recorded value of that timber?
- (3) What percentage of that timber has a contract of sale?
- (4) What is the intended use of the remaining timber?

4768. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

Red Hill Quarry is located on the Darling Escarpment, the most prominent natural landform in the Perth area. The quarry abuts a national park. Hanson, previously Pioneer, was granted approval on 4 December 1991, to develop a quarry at Red Hill, subject to various undertakings. Those undertakings included, but were not limited to the quarry development would necessitate the disturbance of up to 40 hectares of native vegetation over the expected 100 year life of the quarry; and the quarry would not be visible outside Hanson's own property at ground level. As pertains to the Red Hill Quarry Development by Hanson, I ask -

- (1) Can the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), dispute that Hanson has disturbed to date, approximately 80 hectares of native vegetation, contrary to the undertaking of 1991?
- (2) Upon what documents or reports does DEC rely to confirm or dispute the exact acreage of disturbed native vegetation to date?
- (3) Has DEC performed a comprehensive on-site review of the quarry to verify the amount of disturbed native acreage?
- (4) If yes to (3), when and specifically where was the actual on-site inspection performed, and by whom?
- (5) If the area of disturbed native vegetation exceeds the undertaking, what action has the DEC taken against Hanson for non-compliance?
- (6) Can DEC confirm that Hanson is now proposing to further enlarge the quarry by up to an additional 140 hectares?
- (7) Can DEC verify that the independent assessment performed by consultant Ian Pound in 2003, was restricted to an 'in office' assessment of the February 1999 Thompson Palmer report, with no actual physical on-site visual assessment?
- (8) Can DEC provide any evidence of an actual on-site visual inspection of the Hanson quarry at Red Hill to ensure compliance with the undertakings?

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- (9) If yes to (8), when and specifically where was the actual on-site inspection(s) performed, and by whom?
- (10) Can the DEC provide any evidence of an actual on-site visual inspection of the Hanson quarry at Red Hill to ensure compliance with the various rehabilitation plans submitted by Hanson?
- (11) If yes to (10), when and specifically where was the actual on-site inspection(s) performed, and by whom?
- (12) Can DEC verify that an on-site assessment for compliance with visual impact undertakings or location of the quarry were ever performed?
- (13) If yes to (12), when and where was the actual on-site inspection(s) performed, and by whom?
- (14) Will the Minister instruct the DEC to use the Thompson Palmer February 1999 plan in their possession as a basis upon which to conduct an on-site visit to visually affected private land to the northeast, specifically Teewana, to determine compliance with and effectiveness of that plan?
- (15) Will the Minister agree to report the findings of DEC inspection to Parliament in the next 30 days?
- (16) What efforts, if any, have been made by DEC to ensure compliance by Hanson with undertakings, rehabilitation plans, and ministerial requirements as they pertain to the Hanson quarry at Red Hill?

4769. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

As pertains to the Red Hill quarry owned by Hanson, there is a property comprised of approximately 235 hectares directly northwest of the Hanson Red Hill quarry, which property was owned prior to 1991 by the family of Robert Holmes a Court, being part of the Heytesbury Holdings company -

- (1) Please confirm that the 'Heytesbury property' located northwest of the Hanson Red Hill quarry, comprising approximately 235 hectares, was purchased by the West Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) in approximately 2003?
- (2) Please confirm that the 'Heytesbury property' above-referenced was purchased by the WAPC for approximately \$2.9 million?
- (3) Please confirm that the 'Heytesbury property' above-referenced was purchased from the owners of the Hanson Red Hill quarry?
- (4) Can you dispute that the 'Heytesbury property' herein referenced was purchased by Hanson in 1991 for the sum of \$1.5 million?
- (5) Please confirm that the WAPC made the purchase of the Heytebsbury property' above-referenced knowing that there was a written commitment from Hanson for that land to be retained as a buffer area for the Hanson Red Hill quarry?

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- (6) Can you outline the financial benefit to Western Australian taxpayers to owning the land known as the 'Heytesbury property', land committed as buffer land by Hanson for its Red Hill quarry?

4770. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the issue of ministerial conditions and compliance thereof, I ask -

- (1) How many projects approved by the Department of Environment over the past five years had ministerial conditions attached to them?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a list of those projects?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Approximately how many of the abovementioned ministerial conditions are in place?
- (5) Approximately how many breaches of these conditions have been recorded?
- (6) How many breaches have resulted in legal action by the Department?
- (7) If no breaches, as referred to in (6), why not?
- (8) How many legal actions have resulted in prosecution of the entity causing the breach?
- (9) Can the Minister provide a list of these prosecutions?

4771. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

- (1) Will the Minister table Premier's Circular 2007/01?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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