

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 24**

**Thursday, November 7 2002**

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*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, August 13 2002*

4.        Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier

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160.    Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
161.    Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern
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165.    Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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168.    Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
169.    Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
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171. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Peel and the South West
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173. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science
174. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
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177. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
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180. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
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182. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs
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186. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
187. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
188. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business
189. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
190. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
191. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

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- 192. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 193. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 194. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 198. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 199. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 201. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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- 203. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
- 206. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 209. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 214. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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- 216. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
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- 219. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- 220. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 222. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 225. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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228. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
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234. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
235. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
236. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
237. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

***Notice Given*** ***Wednesday, October 23 2002***

238. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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239. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
240. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

***Notice Given*** ***Tuesday, November 5 2002***

241. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
242. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

***Notice Given*** ***Wednesday, November 6 2002***

243. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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253. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education

In regard to invasive weed control -

- (1) What resources did the Department of Conservation and Land Management commit in the 2001-2002 financial year for containment of introduced species, including *Watsonia*, in John Forrest and Greenmount National Parks?
- (2) What resources will the Department of Conservation and Land Management commit in the 2002-2003 financial year for containment of introduced species, including *Watsonia*, in John Forrest and Greenmount National Parks?
- (3) What is the Department of Conservation and Land Management's short term strategy over the next two years for control of introduced species into these Parks, including strategies to protect Park border areas?
- (4) What are the Department of Conservation and Land Management's long term strategies for preventing the invasion of an introduced species into the Parks, including strategies to protect Park border areas?
- (5) What steps has the Department of Conservation and Land Management taken in securing funding for extra resources to control and eradicate introduced species, including funds available through the National Heritage Trust, Work for the Dole programs such as 'Green Reserve', and Aboriginal traineeships through the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Indigenous Employment Program?

254. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

With respect to sawmills registered under the *Timber Industry Regulation Act 1926* -

- (1) Which agency keeps a record of sawmills in Western Australia as required under the *Timber Industry Regulation Act 1926*?
- (2) How many sawmills were registered in each of the last five years?
- (3) Will the Minister please table a list of sawmills currently registered under the *Timber Industry Regulation Act 1926* -
  - (a) giving name;
  - (b) location;
  - (c) type;
  - (d) source; and
  - (e) amount of log intake per annum, and number of employees?
- (4) If not, why not?

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- (5) If the *Timber Industry Regulation Act 1926* is repealed, what active records will be kept of the number and type of sawmills?

255. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education  
With regard to the Environmental Education Discussion Paper released some 12 months ago, and with regard to the level of community input received -

- (1) Has the proposal been submitted and endorsed by Cabinet?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If not, what impediments exist to implementing such an initiative?
- (4) When will the Environmental Education proposal be finalised and put into practice?

256. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to CALM's recent very hot regeneration burn in Butler forest near Nannup -

- (1) Has any post-burn monitoring occurred as to the impacts of that burn?
- (2) If yes, -
  - (a) how was the monitoring conducted; and
  - (b) what were the results?
- (3) In particular, has any post-burn monitoring been conducted into the survival or otherwise of retained habitat trees?
- (4) If yes, -
  - (a) what were the results of the monitoring; and
  - (b) how many habitat trees were killed?
- (5) Was the burn intended to be so hot?
- (6) If not, what action will be taken in the future to ensure there is no repeat of this type of burn?

257. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) Does CALM charge fees for film makers and professional photographers to take film or photographs of whales and other marine mammals?
- (2) If yes to (1), how much?
- (3) If yes to (1), why and under what authority?
- (4) Does CALM require film makers and professional photographers to obtain a permit to be able to publish or otherwise put to commercial use their film or photographs of whales and other marine mammals?

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- (5) If yes to (4), why and under what authority?
  - (6) If yes to (4), what mechanism does CALM have in place to ensure this is complied with?
  - (7) Does CALM require a wildlife officer to accompany persons (including legal persons) who want to interact with whales for commercial gain?
  - (8) If yes to (7), how much does this cost?
  - (9) If yes to (7), please specify which class of persons does this requirement apply?
  - (10) Does this include whale watching tour operators -
    - (a) with a film maker or professional photographer on board; or
    - (b) where no film maker or professional photographer is on board?
  - (11) If no to (10b), why not?
258. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) How many air quality monitoring stations are in place around Cockburn Cement?
  - (2) Where are these stations located in relation to the stacks?
  - (3) Referring to the amateur video film taken a few weeks ago and shown on television news indicating ash raining in Cockburn, has the Minister or anyone in the Department of Environment spoken to the person who filmed the ash and ascertained when the film was taken?
  - (4) If so, will the Minister please give details?
  - (5) Given the Department of Environmental Protection is saying that pollution limits were not exceeded, how does the Minister reconcile this with the video footage and personal experience of the people of Cockburn?
259. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Have negotiations been held to site a Waste to Energy Plant at the Mungari Industrial Estate?
  - (2) If so, what is the current status of these negotiations?
  - (3) Is the delay in finalising the siting of this plant a consequence of delays being experienced by the proponent in obtaining the necessary environmental clearances?
  - (4) Does the Government support the establishment and operation of such a plant at Mungari Industrial Estate?



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

- (1) When was Mungari Industrial Estate originally established and how many lots have been sold to date?
- (2) What additional support is required to be provided by Government to encourage a greater take-up of sites at Mungari Industrial Estate?
- (3) Have prospective land purchasers at Mungari cited the imposition of what they perceive as unreasonable headwork charges as a reason for not completing a purchase at Mungari?

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

What legislation is required to be amended to enable the proponents of the Waste to Energy Plant with whom LandCorp has been negotiating to commence operations at Mungari Industrial Estate?

262. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the media release issued by the Minister dated May 2 2001 regarding the earthworks contract on the four kilometre extension of the Northern Suburbs Transit System from Currambine to Clarkson, and ask -

- (1) Could the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the specific works to be included in this contract and the cost attributed to each of these works?
- (2) Was this contract put out to tender?
- (3) If not, why not?

263. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the media release issued by the Minister dated May 2 2001 stating that the total cost of the Northern Suburbs Transit System extension from Currambine to Clarkson was \$81m, and ask -

- (1) Has the total cost of this project changed since May 2001?
- (2) If so, what is the reason for this change in cost?
- (3) What is the breakdown of the current total cost including -
  - (a) earthworks;
  - (b) Clarkson, Currambine and Greenwood Stations;
  - (c) Burns Beach Road Bridge;
  - (d) double track railway to Clarkson;
  - (e) single track railway from Clarkson to rail car depot at Nowergup;

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- (f) rail car depot at Nowergup; and
- (g) any other cost components?
- (4) What are the expected completion dates of each of these components?
- (5) Have there been any delays in completion of each of these components?
- (6) If so, why?
- (7) Have there been any cost increases in relation to each of these components?
- (8) If so, what is the reason for these increases?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council