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Questions listed for this sitting: -

65. Ms Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) I refer to the previous Minister's reference dated the 21st December 2000, to the final recommendations from the Implementation Taskforce on the Insurance Arrangements Review and the Medical Costs Review to the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Commission, and ask has the Commission put in place an implementation plan for any or all of the agreed administrative and legislative recommendations?
- (2) If so, what is the time frame for implementation of these recommendations?
- (3) If not, what is the delay?
- (4) Has the Commission completed their investigation and advice back to you on any or all of the recommendations relating to the following:
- (a) Insurance Arrangements Review
- (i) Administrative
Recommendations 4.1, 4.5, 5.1, A2 and 2.4.5
- (i) Legislative
Recommendations 1, 1.2, 1.2.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.6, 3.4 and 3.5
- (b) Medical Costs Review
- (i) Administrative
Recommendations 6 and 8; and
- (ii) Legislative
Recommendations 4 and 17
- (5) If not, what is the delay?

- (6) If so, will the Minister outline that advice and the Government's proposed action to be taken on that advice?

66. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) Is the Public Sector Standards Commissioner investigating a complaint in the Ministry of Justice concerning the acceptance of a late application for a position in the Ministry of Justice?
- (2) Has the investigation been completed?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What are the elements of the complaint?
- (5) Has the Commissioner determined a finding?
- (6) If not, why not?

67. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) I refer the Minister to the new Building Industry and Special Projects Inspectorate and ask from where do they operate?
- (2) What is the line of authority?
- (3) What positions have been created and at what classifications levels and upon what basis were the classifications defined?
- (4) When were these positions advertised?
- (5) How many applications were received?
- (6) What are the names of the selection panel and who is the Chair?
- (7) How many applicants were shortlisted?
- (8) Did the Minister or any of his staff in his Ministerial office discuss with the Assistant Chief Executive Officer or any other Doplar officer or any member of the Panel the candidates for these positions?
- (9) Did the Assistant Chief Executive Officer or any other DOPLAR officer or any member of the Panel discuss with the Minister or any of his staff the candidates for the position?
- (10) What experience in the Building and Construction Industry do the appointed Public Servants have?
- (11) What training have these Public Servants undertaken in respect to the Building and Construction Industry?
- (12) Will the Minister table a copy of each of these members job description?

68. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) In respect to the new Building Industry and Special Projects Inspectorate is there an instruction in place that when investigating illegal activity on building sites that the Police are not to be called in to jointly investigate?
- (2) If so, who issued this instruction?
- (3) Is it in writing, or was it verbal?
- (4) If so, will the Minister table this instruction?

- (5) If not, what are the procedures and practices of the unit in working with Police on investigating illegal activity?
- (6) Who has been given the power to make the decision on prosecution of industrial matters?
- (7) In respect to other illegal activity on building sites, who will make the decision on prosecution?

69. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Local Government; Minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the April – May 2001 Road Patrol article entitled “Road Safety Compromise Acceptable” where it states that the State Government will direct all money from speed and red light cameras to road safety?
- (2) Is this statement correct?
- (3) How much revenue was received from speed and red light cameras for the year 1999/2000?
- (4) What was the expenditure on road safety for the year 1999/2000?
- (5) What is the breakdown of items of this expenditure for the year 1999/2000?
- (6) Is the Government going to retain and maintain the Road Safety Council and the Office of Road Safety?
- (7) If not, why not?

70. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) I refer the Minister to the Coalition’s family friendly policy commitment to the introduction of 6 week paid Parental Leave and ask when will the Government introduce a similar Parental Leave entitlement broadly across the Public Sector?
- (2) If not, why not?

71. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) What is the Government position in respect to contributing to the Federal Government’s Employee Entitlements Support Scheme?
- (2) How many payments to employees have been made in Western Australia since the Scheme began, which companies employed these employees, and how much has been received by these employees?
- (3) Are there other employees from companies presently under consideration, and if so how many and to what dollar amount?

72. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) I refer the Minister to the Federal Government’s Employee Entitlements Support Scheme and ask has DOPLAR provided advice to the Minister on viable options which more appropriately apportion responsibility?
- (2) If so will the Minister table that advice?
- (3) If not, why not?

73. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) I refer the Minister to the Federal Government's Employee Entitlements Support Scheme ("EESS") and ask have members of the Union Movement provided advice to the Minister on its views on the EESS and on options they would like to see introduced?
 - (2) If so what is that advice and options ?
 - (3) Are these under consideration by the Government?
74. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) I refer the Minister to the Federal Government's Employee Entitlement Support Scheme and ask what option or options is the Government considering in respect to employees who lose their entitlements when their employer goes into bankruptcy or liquidation?
 - (2) Do any of the options under consideration involve a State taxpayer funded scheme?
 - (3) Do any of the options under consideration involve the employers paying an extra levy or other such impost into a fund or scheme of some description?
75. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) Given the Ministers previously stated concern on work related fatality statistics is the Government going to change the definition of "work related fatality"?
 - (2) If so, in what respect from what date?
76. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) Is the Government going to increase and strengthen the inspectorate role at Worksafe?
 - (2) If not, why not?
 - (3) Are additional physical, human and financial resources going to be provided?
 - (4) If not, why not?
 - (5) If so, what will the increase be for each of the resources allocated?
 - (6) If not, how does the Minister propose to increase and strengthen the inspectorate role?
77. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) In respect to the Driver Fatigue Management Program jointly conducted with the Department of Transport what human, financial and physical resources have been provided to run this program in 2000/2001?
 - (2) Is the Minister proposing to increase these resources 2000/2001?
78. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Water Resources
- When will the concept plan for Gngangara Park be finalised?

79. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Water Resources
- (1) Has the Final Management Plan for Yellagonga Regional Park been approved by the Conservation Commission as was expected in the Feb/March meetings?
 - (2) If not, what is the delay?
 - (3) If so, when will it be released?
80. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- (1) Will the Premier advise how many Government vehicles were surplus on coming into Government?
 - (2) Upon what basis were they surplus?
 - (3) What has happened to those surplus Government vehicles, and was there a cost to the Government in such disposal?
 - (4) If so, what was the cost?
 - (5) How many new vehicles have been licensed since coming into Government?
81. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) I refer the Minister to the IFAP Safety WA Newsletter of Feb – March 2001 where it was reported that the Minister will carry out “a full review of long working hours” and ask who is carrying out this review?
 - (2) Has it commenced?
 - (3) If not, when is it expected to commence?
 - (4) How long is it expected to take?
 - (5) What are the terms of reference?
 - (6) How will industry be involved?
82. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training
- (1) I refer to Labor’s Direction Statement on Workers Compensation released in December 2000, which stated that a Labor Government will open up greater access to common law for injured workers, and ask what has been the recommended premium rates reductions by the Premium Rates Committee since the 1999 Workers Compensation Amendments?
 - (2) Does the Government/Minister have a policy direction on what percentage of employees wages employers ought to pay towards workers compensation?
 - (3) Is the Minister aware that opening up common law by the Victorian Labor Government has increased premiums?
 - (4) What proposals for changes to common law is the Government considering?
83. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Water Resources
- (1) Has the Minister or the Chief Executive Officer approved Mindarie Regional Council’s application for a second landfill cell at Tamala Park?

- (2) If yes, or no, is this approval conditional upon the resolution of all member local Government Councils of the Mindarie Regional Council to proceed with the proposed waste recycling and processing plant, with a commitment to a tight timeframe and to funding?
- (3) Have all member Local Government Councils of the Mindarie Regional Council resolved to proceed with the proposed waste recycling and processing plant to replace the reliance on landfill?
- (4) If not, who is still to resolve?
- (5) What is the lifespan of the current landfill cell?
- (6) What is the expectant lifespan of the proposed second landfill cell?
- (7) If the new plant is to be operational by 2004, why is it necessary to have a second landfill cell?
- (8) What is the latest report on the environmental impact of the current landfill cell and in particular in respect to leaching?

84. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) I refer the Minister to the “No Ticket/No Start” industrial campaign being conducted by the CFMEU on construction sites and ask whether he or his department has sought legal advice as to whether or not it breaches the Industrial Relations Act 1979?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, has this advice been received, and will the Minister outline the advice?

85. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) I refer the Minister to Ministerial Appeals on Planning matters and ask how many appeals had been lodged for determination as at 9 February 2001?
- (2) How many appeals had been considered by the Appeals Committee with a recommendation for the Ministers consideration and decision as at 9 February 2001?
- (3) How many appeals has the Minister now made a decision on as at 30 April 2001?
- (4) Of those decisions made, how many has the Minister upheld, and how many has the Minister refused?
- (5) How many appeals have been lodged since the 12 February 2001?

86. Mr Masters to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) For those ecosystems for which shortfalls under the RFA could not be met on public land, what is the Government position on the potential for reserves on private property being able to meet these shortfalls?
- (2) If the Government is supportive of this initiative, how does it propose to implement it?
- (3) In what respects is this initiative different to the “strategy to protect CAR values on private land “attachment to the RFA”

87. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Local Government; Minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) I refer the Minister to the previous Government’s Urban and Regional Planning Bill 2000 which proposed to consolidate various planning legislation, including the Town Planning and

Development Act 1928, the Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme Act 1959 and the Western Australian Planning Commission Act 1985, apart from infrastructure changes arising out of recommendations of the Public Sector Review Taskforce, will the Minister proceed to consolidate the various pieces of planning legislation?

- (2) When does the Minister plan to introduce such legislation?
- (3) Apart from the infrastructure what other changes are proposed by the Minister?
- (4) Will the Minister introduce separate legislation to amend the Appeals system, and if so when is this expected to be introduced?

88. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Local Government; Minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Has the Minister been briefed on the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 ("EPBC Act") and it's potential to impact on urban development?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that in the April 2001 edition of "Urban Link" the Urban Development Institute of Australia (WA Division) newsletter, there is a suggestion that proponents do not wish to trigger dual assessment of their development applications by both the Commonwealth and the State and are waiting for finalisation of "assessment bilaterals" ?
- (3) When will the State Government agree and sign an assessment bilateral agreement under the EPBC Act with the Federal Government?

89. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) I refer the Minister to the IFAP Safety WA newsletter of Feb/March 2001 where it was reported that the Minister ordered a "review into how better integration can be achieved" and ask has someone been appointed to carry out this review?
- (2) If so who and when?
- (3) If not, when is it expected that someone will be appointed?
- (4) What are the terms of reference of this review?
- (5) How long will the review take?
- (6) Will this review link in with the current formal review of the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 by Senior Commissioner Gavin Fielding?

90. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

- (1) Given the CFMEU's compulsory union membership campaign on construction sites
- (2) Is the Government proposing to introduce the status of being 'a conscientious objector to union membership' under the Industrial Relations Act 1979?
- (3) If so, does this not condone the CFMEU's industrial campaign for compulsory union membership?
- (4) If not, then how does the Minister explain the Union Membership clause of the CFMEU's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement - the recognition of 'conscientious objection certificates' under relevant legislation?

91. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier and Minister for Public Sector Management

- (1) Will the Minister advise how many Public Sector agencies are currently undertaking reviews of their physical, human and financial resources?
- (2) When did these reviews commence?
- (3) Which agencies have commenced such reviews?

92. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management

- (1) I refer the Minister to his Media Statement of 11 March 2001 in respect to the appointment of a Public Sector Review Taskforce and ask what will be the working relationship between the Taskforce and the Health System Administrative Review Committee established by the Minister for Health in his media statement of 20 April 2001?
- (2) Will the recommendations of the Health Committee relating to the administrative structure of the Health Department be referred to the Taskforce?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) If so, will this meet the reporting requirements of the Taskforce?

93. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) Will the Premier give an undertaking to table the report of the Public Sector Taskforce
- (2) If not, why not

94. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

What resources (physical and human) have been allocated to each of the Parliamentary Secretaries appointed?

95. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) Will the Premier indicate which senior executive service and chief executive officer positions have been identified by the Public Sector Review Taskforce as being redundant.
- (2) If not, why not

96. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) Will the Premier provide a list of all relevant stakeholders the Public Sector Review Taskforce has met with since it commenced?
- (2) If not, why not?

97. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) Will the Premier advise what the terms and conditions of employment are in respect to the positions Mr Stuart Hicks holds as Chairperson of the Public Sector Review Taskforce?
- (2) Is the Government proposing to employ Mr Hicks in any other capacity in the Public Sector?

98. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- (1) I refer the Premier to his Media Statement of 11 March 2001 earmarking the appointment of a four member taskforce to review the structure of the Western Australian Public Sector, and ask on what date does the Premier expect to receive a report containing recommendations on how best to reduce the number of departments and agencies?
 - (2) Is it expected to be an interim report, or a final report?
 - (3) Will the Premier table the Report and or Reports, whether interim or final? and
 - (4) If not - why not?
99. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- (1) I refer the Premier to his Media Statement of 11 March 2001 in respect to the appointment of a Public Sector Review Taskforce and ask was the Taskforce provided with instructions in addition to the terms of reference established?
 - (2) If so, what were they?
 - (3) Has the Premier identified any CEO or other SES officers to be made redundant in advance of receiving the Taskforce report?
100. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations
- (1) Has the Minister seen a copy of or received advice on the current pattern EBA, the CFMEU is demanding the building and construction Employers to sign?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that the building industry estimates that this EBA is likely to increase building costs by 20 to 25% on current market values?
 - (3) Has the Minister seen the newspaper article dated 21 March 2001 stating that Western Australia has the second highest building costs in Australia?
 - (4) Is the Minister concerned that the new EBA is likely to make Western Australia the State with the highest building costs and the impact that this will have on investment within the State?
101. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations
- (1) Has DOPLAR provided advice to the Minister on providing remuneration parity to public sector employees?
 - (2) If so, will the Minister table that advice?
 - (3) If not, has the Minister seen the advice that was provided to the previous Minister dated 24th October 2000 and 26 October 2000.
 - (4) If not, will the Minister now seek that advice, and table that advice?
 - (5) If not, why not?
102. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management
- (1) I refer the Minister to his Media Statement of 11 March 2001 in respect to the appointment of a Public Sector Review Taskforce (PSRT) and ask what will be the working relationship between the PSRT and the Taskforce established by the Minister for Education in his media statement of 29 April 2001

- (2) Will the recommendations of the Taskforce relating to the organisation structures of the Education Department be referred to the PSRT?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) If so, will this meet the reporting requirements of the PSRT

103. Mr Bradshaw to the Minister for Water Resources

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the residents of Binningup, Myalup and Preston Beach are dissatisfied with the water from the reticulated water scheme?
- (2) What is the analysis of the impurities of the water supplied by the Water Corporation to the residents of Binningup, Myalup and Preston Beach?
- (3) When can the residents of Binningup, Myalup and Preston Beach expect to receive a water that is of a satisfactory standard?

104. Mr Bradshaw to the Minister for Water Resources

- (1) What is the cost, on average, to produce a Kilolitre of water from the desalination plants at Rottnest Island, Denham and Ravensthorpe?
- (2) Do these desalination plants supply all the potable water at these towns?

105. Dr Constable to the Treasurer

- (1) What was the total State Budget in each of the following financial years -
 - (a) 1993/1994;
 - (b) 1994/1995;
 - (c) 1995/1996;
 - (d) 1996/1997;
 - (e) 1997/1998;
 - (f) 1998/1999;
 - (g) 1999/2000; and
 - (h) 2000/2001?
- (2) What was the total amount of income received by the State Government in each of the following financial years -
 - (a) 1993/1994;
 - (b) 1994/1995;
 - (c) 1995/1996;
 - (d) 1996/1997;
 - (e) 1997/1998;
 - (f) 1998/1999;
 - (g) 1999/2000; and
 - (h) 2000/2001?
- (3) What was the total amount of money expended by the State Government in each of the following financial years-

- (a) 1993/1994;
- (b) 1994/1995;
- (c) 1995/1996;
- (d) 1996/1997;
- (e) 1997/1998;
- (f) 1998/1999;
- (g) 1999/2000; and
- (h) 2000/2001?

106. Dr Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many individual patients has the Selby Child and Adolescent Health Clinic treated in each of the past five financial years?
- (2) In each of the financial years in 1, how many patients were treated for -
 - (a) depressive disorders;
 - (b) eating disorders;
 - (c) behavioural disorders; and
 - (d) other?
- (3) How many individual patients has the Warwick Child and Adolescent Health Clinic treated over the past five financial years?
- (4) In each of the financial years in 2, how many patients were treated for -
 - (a) depressive disorders;
 - (b) eating disorders;
 - (c) behavioural disorders; and
 - (d) other?

107. Dr Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) How much funding has the Selby Child and Adolescent Health Service received over the past five financial years?
- (2) How much funding has the Warwick Child and Adolescent Health Service received over the past five financial years?

108. Dr Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the total number of patients in public hospitals currently occupying beds while they wait for beds to become available in nursing homes?
- (2) Which hospitals have beds occupied by individuals while they wait for beds to become available in nursing homes?
- (3) How many beds in each of the above hospitals are occupied by individuals while they wait for beds to become available in nursing homes?

109. Dr Constable to the Premier

- (1) Does the Government have any plans for a comprehensive upgrade and refurbishment of Parliament House and if so, will it allocate funding for such an upgrade in the next State budget?
- (2) If yes to (1), how much funding does the government plan to earmark for the upgrade and what aspects of the Parliamentary infrastructure will it prioritise for early attention?

110. Dr Constable to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing

- (1) How many individuals are currently on the Homeswest waiting list for public accommodation in the following zones:
 - (a) North West Metro;
 - (b) North East Metro;
 - (c) North Central;
 - (d) North Coastal;
 - (e) North City;
 - (f) Belmont;
 - (g) Kensington;
 - (h) Forrestfield;
 - (i) Cannington;
 - (j) Fremantle;
 - (k) Thornlie;
 - (l) Armadale;
 - (m) Gosnells;
 - (n) Cockburn;
 - (o) O'Connor; and
 - (p) Mandurah?
- (2) How many families are currently on the Homeswest waiting list for public accommodation? In the following zones -
 - (a) North West Metro;
 - (b) North East Metro;
 - (c) North Central;
 - (d) North Coastal;
 - (e) North City;
 - (f) Belmont;
 - (g) Kensington;
 - (h) Forrestfield;
 - (i) Cannington;
 - (j) Fremantle;
 - (k) Thornlie;

- (l) Armadale;
- (m) Gosnells;
- (n) Cockburn;
- (o) O'Connor; and
- (p) Mandurah?

111. Dr Constable to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing

For each of the past four financial years -

- (a) how many dwellings in the State were included in Homewest stock;
- (b) what proportion of these dwellings had more than 1 bedroom;
- (c) what proportion of these dwellings had more than 2 bedrooms; and
- (d) of the total pool of public and private housing stock in Western Australia, what proportion was owned by Homewest?

112. Dr Constable to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing

- (1) How many individuals occupy public housing and in which Homewest zones?
- (2) How many families occupy public housing and in which Homewest zones?
- (3) How do the figures in 1 and 2 compare with corresponding figures for these categories at:
 - (a) 30 June 2000;
 - (b) 30 June 1999;
 - (c) 30 June 1998;
 - (d) 30 June 1997; and
 - (e) 30 June 1996?

113. Hon P G Pental to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

I refer to the passage through Parliament in 2000 of the long-awaited States Records Bill and ask -

- (a) Has the Bill received the Royal Assent;
- (b) When is the Bill to become fully operative; and
- (c) Are there any impediments in bringing the Bill into effect and if so what are they?

114. : Hon P G Pental to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How much did the new overhead pedestrian bridges across the Kwinana Freeway, near the Pagoda, and Preston and Thelma Streets cost?
- (2) Were any authoritative studies or surveys undertaken to determine public usage of the former bridges, now demolished?
- (3) If "yes", can the Minister please make these available?

115. Hon P G Pental to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the construction of the new pedestrian overpasses across the Kwinana Freeway along South Perth-Como and ask -

- (a) Why is the Thelma Street overpass of a much larger construction than that of the structure near Comer Street (at the Pagoda);
- (b) What is the cost of each overpass;
- (c) Will the Thelma Street overpass, given its larger size, have a different function than that intended for the Comer Street overpass;
- (d) Why was the Thelma Street structure not moved 50 metres north, so that it sat at the foot of Thelma Street and adjacent to a Metropolitan Water installation, in such a way as not to impede anyone's views, instead of being located on its present site which does unnecessarily impede views;
- (e) Were any studies done by the department to scrap the three proposals in favour of one underpass at the foot of Preston Street to service the whole precinct;
- (f) If not why not; and
- (g) If so, will the Minister table such studies?

116. Hon P G Pental to the Minister for Energy

I refer to Western Power's conduit installation in the South Perth area and ask -

- (a) what is its purpose;
- (b) why is it being installed at the same time as the underground power;
- (c) is the project envisaged as having future use as a possible commercial venture;
- (d) if so, at this stage, what are the proposed specifics of such a commercial venture;
- (e) what are the total project costs;
- (f) have any negotiations taken place as yet with possible future contractors or suppliers;
- (g) about this project;
- (h) if so, what are the details;
- (i) given that the conduit project is sharing the same undergrounding works as the power, what costs are estimated to have been contributed by the ratepayers who are required to pay the underground power levy?

117. Hon P G Pental to the Premier

- (1) Is it correct that when the Federal Government announced its tax reform package it was promised that with the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax, and the resultant income to the States, that banking taxes, the Financial Institutions Duty (FID) and the Bank Account Debits (BAD), would be abolished?
- (2) If yes, did the Western Australian Government ever give its agreement to such abolition?
- (3) If so, why are these banking taxes still operating?
- (4) Will the Premier give assurance that under his Government, these taxes will be withdrawn?
- (5) If not, why not?

118. Hon P G Pental to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) When and for what purpose was the Collier Pine Plantation seeded?

- (2) What was the original volume of trees or acreage?
- (3) What remains of the original plantation?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the remaining trees are an important habitat to local birds, especially black cockatoos?
- (5) Does the Government have a policy of tree replacement, ensuring that when a non-native or native tree is felled it is replaced by at least one new tree?
- (6) If not, will the Minister consider such a proposal, so as to preserve habitats?

119. Hon P G Pandal to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture

- (1) Is the poison 1080 still used by official agencies in Western Australia to control native animals attacking crops?
- (2) Does the Department accept the contention that 1080 is a slow-acting poison, and thus could be seen as inhumane?
- (3) Has the Department or Agencies responsible for the control of 1080 ever considered an alternative?
- (4) If so can the Minister give details?

120. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise what the current number of people that are on the waiting list for both elective and non-elective surgery (in the various categories) for our Public Hospitals?
- (2) How does this figure compare with the position of 12 months ago in regard to the number of people awaiting elective and non-elective surgery?

121. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise when the contract between St Johns Ambulance and the Health department will conclude and any other possible various contracts with individual hospitals will be completed?
- (2) Will there be a tendering process for the provision and evaluation of further Ambulance contracts?
- (3) Will the market place be opened up for competitors in regard to Ambulance services?

122. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise what the procedure is for the distribution of Flu vaccines to pharmacists? Is this distribution on an equal basis?
- (2) Is there a capping to the Pharmacist for its distribution?
- (3) If the Pharmacist was to exceed this number of vaccines for seniors, will they be compensated for the additional number of vaccines they must purchase in order to service their community?
- (4) Has there been a shortage in the distribution of Flu vaccines in Western Australia?
- (5) Has there been a delay in the availability of Flu Vaccine for distribution in Western Australia?

123. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise what is the current status of the Chiropractic Registration Board?

(2) Does the Board have a Chairperson and if not when will the Chairperson be appointed?

124. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Health

(1) Does the Government intend to proceed with the recruitment of 400 additional nurses.

(2) Will the Minister advise the process by which you will attract the nurses?

(3) Where does the Minister anticipate the nurses to come from and over what period of time will the Nurses be recruited?

125. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

What is the current position in regard to the negotiation of a long term residence for the Deck Chair Theatre?

126. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

What is the Governments plan for the upgrade of the Regal Theatre?

127. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

What is the Government plan for the upgrade of Rechabites Hall?

128. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

(1) I refer to difficulties associated with asbestos at the West Australian Museum and ask are there areas at the museum that are no longer available for use as a result of the asbestos?

(2) Is there currently a report being written on the status of asbestos in the Museum?

(3) When will that report be released?

(4) Is there a plan for the long term rectification of asbestos at the Museum?

129. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

Is it the Government intention to pursue the establishment of a flexible arts space or in fact a theatre at the Convention Centre?

130. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

What is the current book ratio throughout Western Australian Libraries and how does that compare to other States of Australia?

131. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

(1) When does the Monet in Japan exhibition open at the Western Australian Art Gallery and for how long will the exhibition run?

(2) What is the anticipated cost to the public for the exhibition?

132. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

(1) What is the current status of the Cultural Centre plan?

(2) Will that plan be adopted by the Government?

133. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

When is it anticipated that the Fremantle Maritime Museum will open?

134. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

What is the current status of the complete fit out for the West Australian Museum Geraldton Campus?

135. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

What is the Government plan for the upgrade of The Blue Room and associated precinct?

136. Hon M F Board to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

What is the Government plan for the upgrade of the Subiaco Theatre?

137. Mr Masters to the Minister for Energy

For each electricity generating station which supplies electricity to any of Western Powers's grids or other distribution systems, will the Minister list -

- (a) the average cost per unit of electricity produced by each power station;
- (b) the fuel type or mixture used by each station;
- (c) the amount of greenhouse emissions produced by each station; and
- (d) the name and location of each station?

138. Mr Masters to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With the recent discovery of a formerly extinct plant, the cranbrook pea, what species of plants are now believed to be extinct in Western Australia and in what geographical regions did they occur in?

139. Mrs Edwardes to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (e) what is the type of vehicle;
- (f) is the vehicle blue plated or private plated; and
- (g) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

140. Mrs Edwardes to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (a) what is the type of vehicle;
- (b) is the vehicle blue plated or private plated; and
- (c) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

141. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Labour Relations; Consumer Affairs; Employment and Training

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (a) what is the type of vehicle;
- (b) is the vehicle blue plated or private plated; and
- (c) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

142. Mrs Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs; Electoral Affairs; Peel and the South West

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

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143. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Water Resources

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (a) what is the type of vehicle;
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144. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Local Government; Minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

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145. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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146. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for State Development; Tourism; Small Business; Goldfields-Esperance

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (a) what is the type of vehicle;
- (b) is the vehicle blue plated or private plated; and
- (c) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

147. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Education; Sport and Recreation; Indigenous Affairs

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (a) what is the type of vehicle;
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- (c) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

148. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Community Development; Women's Interests; Seniors and Youth; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (a) what is the type of vehicle;
- (b) is the vehicle blue plated or private plated; and
- (c) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

149. Mrs Edwardes to the Minister for Health

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (d) what is the type of vehicle;
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- (f) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

150. Mrs Edwardes to the Ministers representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming; Minister assisting the Treasurer

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

- (a) what is the type of vehicle;
- (b) is the vehicle blue plated or private plated; and
- (c) what payment is the officer making for the use of the vehicle?

151. Mrs Edwardes to the Ministers representing the Minister for Housing; Works and Services; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

For each of the officers working in the Premier's, Deputy Premier's and Attorney general's office who have been allocated a vehicle -

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152. Mrs Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture; Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

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