



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2021

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447. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Local Government

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449. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Emergency Services

450. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

451. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business

452. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage

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- 455. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 456. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection

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457. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to notice given on 7 December 2021 during the Committee of the Whole House's consideration of the *Criminal Law (Unlawful Consorting and Prohibited Insignia) Bill 2021*, and I ask:

- (a) what is the total number of declared drug traffickers recorded in the Western Australia Police Force incident management system; and
- (b) what is the total number of section 557K(4) *Criminal Code* warnings issued by Western Australia police to a child sex offender under 18 years of age?

458. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the US Astute class nuclear submarine that visited HMAS Stirling Naval Base on Garden Island in October 2021 and I ask in reference to the HAZMAT Annex A Radiation Escape from a Nuclear Powered Warship State Hazard Plan (State Hazard Plan):

- (a) was this State Hazard Plan put into place for the recent visit of the US Astute class nuclear submarine:
 - (i) if no to (a), what hazard plan was in place for this visit;
- (b) was the Commissioner of Police responsible for the safety of the public:
 - (i) if no to (b), who was responsible for the safety of the public; and
 - (ii) if yes to (b), what kind of training and preparation for the visit was given to the Commissioner and by what agency;
- (c) when was the last training exercise conducted for a visit by a nuclear warship:
 - (i) did this include responses for a nuclear submarine;
 - (ii) if no to (c)(i), why not; and
 - (iii) has there ever been training for emergency services to respond to a nuclear submarine incident along our shorelines;
- (d) point 3.3.3 of the State Hazard Plan is that the nuclear warship or in this case a nuclear submarine be "removed to sea or to remote anchorage" within a specified time limit" and I ask, how far out to sea and what remote anchorage are specified in the case an alarm is raised;
- (e) was there any radiation monitoring in place during the visit of the Astute class nuclear submarine:
 - (i) if no to (e), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (e), what were the readings of that monitoring; and

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- (f) were "preliminary actions" set out in 4.2.1 of the State Hazard Plan conducted, specifically:
- (i) was there an assessment of the state of preparedness of all involved in State organisations:
- (A) if no to (f)(i), why not; and
- (B) if yes to (f)(i), what were the findings of that assessment; and
- (ii) was there a pre-visit exercise conducted:
- (A) if no to (f)(ii), why not; and
- (B) if yes to (f)(ii), what agencies were involved and when was the exercise conducted?

459. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Mullewa Primary Health Centre redevelopment, I and ask:

- (a) what is the final scope of the redevelopment;
- (b) what is the final expected cost of the redevelopment;
- (c) what is the expected project timeline for the redevelopment; and
- (d) will this be considered as part of the 2022-23 State Budget or Mid Year Review?

460. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to Public Health Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020 regarding recovery of hotel quarantine costs, and I ask:

- (a) in response to question without notice 156, the Minister confirmed that invoices are generally issued after 60 days whereas in response to question 10 of the WA Health Additional Questions asked of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations it was said that 'The Department is committed to issuing invoices within 60 days of the passengers check-out date' and I ask, which answer is correct;
- (b) as of 30 April 2021 a total of 5,865 invoices valued at \$19.5 million were outstanding, yet at 31 October 2021 that figure increased to 11,892 invoices outstanding estimated at \$28 million, what is the Government doing to ensure these debts are collected:
- (i) how many of the outstanding invoices are within the following terms:
- (A) within 30 days;
- (B) between 31 and 60 days;
- (C) between 61 and 90 days;
- (D) between 91 and 120 days;

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- (E) between 121 and 150 days; and
- (F) after 150 days or more;
- (c) has the Government commenced debt collection proceedings against anyone for non-payment of hotel quarantine costs;
- (d) if yes to (c), what is the total number of invoices that this action has been taken against and the total dollar value of those invoices;
- (e) if yes to (c), what has the cost been to date of fee recovery actions taken by the State Government;
- (f) how many invoices remain outstanding and what is the total amount outstanding as at today's date;
- (g) how many persons has the Chief Health Officer waived part or all of the fee relating to hotel quarantine costs; and
- (h) how many persons have been required to remain in Hotel Quarantine past 14 days:
 - (i) for each of these instances, please give the reason for their extended stay?

461. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to all public hospitals, including public hospitals with private operators, and I ask:

- (a) how many elective surgeries were cancelled in:
 - (i) November 2021;
 - (ii) December 2021; and
 - (iii) January 2022;
- (b) for each month in (a), what was the total number of cancelled elective surgeries by area health service;
- (c) are there currently any restrictions on elective surgeries;
- (d) if yes to (c), which surgery categories are under restriction and in what locations;
- (e) in total, how many elective surgeries (by category and hospital) were cancelled for each month in 2020–21;
- (f) in total, how many elective surgeries (by category and hospital) were cancelled for each month in 2019–20;
- (g) in total, how many elective surgeries (by category and hospital) were cancelled for each month in 2018–19; and
- (h) in total, how many elective surgeries (by category and hospital) were cancelled for each month in 2017–18?

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462. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Northam Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) what is the approved FTE staffing level for nursing staff at the hospital:
 - (i) what is the current permanent FTE staffing level;
- (b) what is the approved FTE staffing level for doctors at the hospital:
 - (i) what is the current permanent staffing level;
- (c) what is the approved FTE staffing level for Midwives at the hospital:
 - (i) what is the current permanent FTE staffing level;
- (d) what is the approved FTE staffing level for non- clinical staff at the hospital:
 - (i) what is the current permanent FTE staffing level; and
- (e) how many resignations have been received by employment type in each of the following months:
 - (i) July 2021;
 - (ii) August 2021;
 - (iii) September 2021;
 - (iv) October 2021;
 - (v) November 2021; and
 - (vi) December 2021?

463. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the state government's urgent care clinic trial and question without notice 793 asked on 13 November 2021, and I ask:

- (a) did the evaluation program on the GP urgent care network pilot take place, with the formal analysis and will the Minister please table this review;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) can the Minister table 'The end-of-pilot analysis and report' that was reported to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2021;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) has the Government progressed the models to support urgent care in Geraldton, the Pilbara, Albany, the Kimberley and Kalgoorlie;
- (f) if no to (e), why not; and
- (g) if yes to (e), can the Minister provide an update on the status of urgent care in each of these areas?

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464. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to voluntary assisted dying (VAD) in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) by region, how many medical practitioners and nurse practitioners are registered and trained to act as coordinating or consulting practitioners;
- (b) how many notifications have been made to the VAD board that relate to the:
 - (i) first request;
 - (ii) first assessment;
 - (iii) consulting assessment;
 - (iv) final request; and
 - (v) prescription of substance and administration decision;
- (c) has the VAD board provided any information to the minister under section 118(b) of the Act and, if yes, will the Minister please table that information; and
- (d) has the VAD board made any referral under section 118(c) of the Act and, if yes, will the Minister please provide details?

465. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to question on notice 264 answered on 12 October 2021, in particular reference to the Vaccination Strategic Coordination Group (VSCG), and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that the VSCG did not hold its first meeting until 7 October 2021;
- (b) has the VSCG met weekly since 7 October 2021;
- (c) if no to (b), why not; and
- (d) please table any agendas, minutes, reports, or findings of the VSCG to date?

466. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Western Australian Government's response to the *Joint Select Committee on Palliative Care in Western Australia's Final Report* and I ask, given the Western Australian Government supported all 25 of the Committee's recommendations, will the Minister please provide the current status of the Western Australian Government's progress on each of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Palliative Care in Western Australia?

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I refer to the State Government's media release of 23 November 2021 titled "Four sites confirmed for new inpatient modular hospital beds", and I ask:

- (a) how were the four sites that are to receive the modular hospital beds identified as the priority;
- (b) has the Government identified where the remaining 150 beds from the Government's additional 270 beds announced in November 2021 are to be located;
- (c) will the remaining 150 beds be modular beds; and
- (d) how does the Government intend to staff the increase in beds at these sites, given that most hospitals are currently experiencing severe staff shortages?

468. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Independent Inquiry into Perth Children's Hospital tabled on 9 November 2021, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide the status of each of the 30 recommendations from the Inquiry; and
- (b) can the Minister provide a timeline or priority order for implementation of the recommendations?

469. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the ABC News Article of 7 November 2021 titled "Health workers struggle to stay on top of rising syphilis rates in remote WA", and I ask:

- (a) has the State Government committed extra resources to combat the rising syphilis rates in remote Western Australia;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), what has been committed and what has been spent to date;
- (d) will the Minister please table any information relating to the government's plans to combat the rising syphilis rates in remote Western Australia; and
- (e) what has been spent in each of the following periods to combat the rising syphilis rates in Western Australia and on what programs:
 - (i) 2021-22 to date;
 - (ii) 2020-21;
 - (iii) 2019-20;
 - (iv) 2018-19; and
 - (v) 2017-18?

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470. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the strategy, Suicide Prevention 2020: Together We Can Save Lives and the Wheatbelt Project Control Group established in 2016 to support the implementation and function of the Wheatbelt Suicide Prevention Coordinator, and I ask:

- (a) which body is currently responsible for delivering the Suicide Prevention program in the Wheatbelt;
- (b) will the Minister please detail the budget of this organisation;
- (c) how many FTE are employed in the Wheatbelt Suicide Prevention Program in the:
 - (i) Central Coast sub region;
 - (ii) Central Midlands sub region;
 - (iii) Avon sub region;
 - (iv) Central East sub region; and
 - (v) Wheatbelt South sub region;
- (d) will the Minister please detail how the performance of this organisation is evaluated;
- (e) has the Wheatbelt Suicide Prevention Project Control Group been dissolved;
- (f) if yes to (e), is there another group who advises the Wheatbelt Suicide Prevention Coordinator on issues specific to the Wheatbelt;
- (g) if yes to (f), what are the group's terms of reference;
- (h) is the group currently active and when did they first meet;
- (i) how frequently has this group met in the past 12 months; and
- (j) how many suicides have there been in the Wheatbelt region in each of the past five years?

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471. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the Mid West Suicide Prevention Officer, and I ask:

- (a) which body is responsible for delivering the Suicide Prevention program in the Mid West;
- (b) will the Minister please detail the budget of this organisation;
- (c) what are this group's terms of reference;
- (d) how many FTE are employed in the Mid West Suicide Prevention Program in the:
 - (i) North Midlands sub region;
 - (ii) Batavia Coast sub region; and
 - (iii) Murchison sub region;
- (e) will the Minister please detail how the performance of this organisation is evaluated;
- (f) who advises the Mid West Suicide Prevention Coordinator on issues specific to the Mid West; and
- (g) how many suicides have there been in the Mid West region in each of the past five years?

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council