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1664. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

I refer to question on notice 1613, and ask –

- (1) Has the saleyard project at Muchea been defined from the Capital Expenditure Budget?
- (2) Why was question on notice 1613 not reasonably answered?
- (3) Who was the individual who drafted the response?
  - (a) If the Minister will not supply the name of that individual, under what statute does the Minister withhold the name?
- (4) Is the figure of \$32 Million as quoted in *The West Australian* newspaper on 29 November a reasonable estimate of current construction and associated costs?
  - (a) if not, has a recent costing been done and what was the latest estimate?
- (5) Has the Muchea Saleyard Project been affected by any Treasury statement?
  - (a) if so will the Minister supply those statements?
- (6) Has the Minister announced any delay in the project?
- (7) Have any concerns been raised by any Council, agency or individual regarding surface or subterranean water problems?
- (8) Is the site on or adjacent to water tables of any public note?
- (9) Has a transport plan accessing problems been conducted?
- (10) What is the estimated number of sheep to be sold through the yards per annum?
  - (a) what is the estimated revenue for the sale of sheep per annum?
- (11) What is the estimated number of cattle to be sold through the yards per annum?
  - (a) what is the estimated revenue for the sale of cattle per annum?
- (12) What are the estimated running costs of the Muchea saleyards, including all associated costs such as interest?
- (13) Has the Minister or any of the Minister's staff discussed the road access problems of the Town of Toodyay with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure or the Minister's staff?
  - (a) if not, why not?

1665. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Can the Minister list those areas currently subject to a Local Area Education Plan (LAEP), and in respect to each of those LAEPs advise the following –
  - (a) what stage has the LAEP reached;
  - (b) whether school closures are contemplated as a consequence of said LAEP –
    - (i) if so, what are the names of the schools earmarked for closure;
  - (c) has implementation of each LAEP been accommodated in forward estimates;
  - (d) are any schools in an area precluded or restricted from participation in any departmental schemes or programs as a consequence of the existence of a LAEP;
  - (e) has school maintenance in a particular area been deferred, delayed or otherwise modified, as a consequence of the existence of a LAEP;
  - (f) those LAEPs where public consultation has occurred;
  - (g) what is the criteria deployed for prioritising implementation of LAEPs; and

- (h) whether the criteria used to allocate resources to the implementation of the LAEPs incorporate data relating to the Index of Social Disadvantage?

1666. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) Which services will be closed down or restricted at any time during the period from 15 December 2006 to 15 January 2007 at the following hospitals –
  - (a) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (b) Princess Margaret Hospital;
  - (c) King Edward Memorial Hospital; and
  - (d) Fremantle Hospital?
- (2) How many beds and operating theatres will be closed at anytime during this period, and for how long, at the following hospitals –
  - (a) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (b) Princess Margaret Hospital;
  - (c) King Edward Memorial Hospital; and
  - (d) Fremantle Hospital?

1667. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Treasurer

I refer to the 2005-06 Procurement Reform Benefits Realisation Report, and I ask –

- (1) What was the total amount paid to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu to develop the Comprehensive Business case (page 6 of the report)?
- (2) In the Minister's statement of 29 November 2006 (Report on Procurement and Shared Services Reform) the Minister outlined serious problems -
  - (a) is Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu still advising on Procurement and Shared Services?
  - (b) if yes, why?
- (3) Is there a penalty to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for their advice or is Treasury at fault?

1668. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

Given the very strong growth in population in many of the regions, can the Minister give an assurance that the budget for country arts will grow well beyond the inflation rate?

1669. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

With reference to the Review of the WA Training Sector undertaken in 2001 –

- (1) What was the cost of the advice and assistance provided by Mr Greg Phillip (referred to on page 3 of the report)?
- (2) Was a tender process established for the provision of such advice and assistance; and
  - (a) if so, what was the value of each tender?
  - (b) if there was no tender process, why not?

1670. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Sport and Recreation

I refer to the Perry Lakes Stadium Redevelopment, and I ask –

- (1) Will the Minister confirm that the estimated cost of the new Perry Lakes Stadium sporting facilities is \$55.8 million?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of building the rugby facilities on a separate site, given that an east-west flora corridor is to be retained on the new stadium site?
- (3) Will the Government fund any scope increases or cost escalations relating to the project?
- (4) Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the final development budget prior to project commencement?
- (5) When will the Minister release this information to Town of Cambridge ratepayers?

1671. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) What decision was made by the Government in April 2005 in relation to the 3C Stakeholder Involvement Program?
- (2) What role has the 3C Stakeholder Involvement Program played in relation to the establishment of new and better hazardous/industrial waste treatment facilities in Western Australia?
- (3) Has the 3C Stakeholder Involvement Program now been disbanded –
  - (a) if so, why?
- (4) Did the 3C Stakeholder Involvement Program complete its full term of appointment –
  - (a) if not, why not?

1672. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

In a letter from the Minister for Disability Services dated 8 November 2006, the Minister advised that the provision of accessible educational services ultimately lies with the Department of Education and Training. In light of this can the Minister please advise –

- (1) How many students at Applecross Senior High School are permanently or intermittently unable to access classes on the upper floor of the school because of their disability?
- (2) How many students attending the school in 2007 will be unable to access classes on the upper floor of the school due to a disability?
- (3) What facilities have been provided at the school to ensure that these students are not disadvantaged?
- (4) What facilities are planned to be provided at the school in 2007 to improve access for disabled students?

1673. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

With reference to the Kwinana Desalination Plant, I ask –

- (1) What is the final capital cost?
- (2) What is the annual recurrent cost?
- (3) What is the current output of water per week?
- (4) When will the plant be operating at full capacity?
- (5) What will be the additional average per household cost of water as a result of the desalination plant being established when it is fully operational?

1674. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Tourism

In regard to the \$350,000 spent on Software licences by the Western Australian Tourism Commission in the 2005/06 financial year, can the Minister advise –

- (1) What software licences were specifically purchased with this money?
- (2) How much was individually spent on each licence?
- (3) From which vendors was each licence purchased?

1675. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Department of Health making funding available for mosquito control in the south west of Western Australia?
- (2) Is this funding contingent on the control of viruses including Ross River Virus or is mosquito control alone adequate to award funding?
- (3) Has virus control ever previously been contingent to gaining this funding?
- (4) When was this funding first introduced, and with what restrictions?
- (5) Are mosquito control funds available on an annual basis for shires in the south west and what restrictions are placed on these funds?

1676. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health

- (1) Why are public dental services able to employ overseas dentists while private regional dental clinics are unable to sponsor them?
- (2) Does the Australian Dental Council's policy allow public sponsorship of dentists but preclude private sponsorship?
  - (a) if so, why?
- (3) Is there State-based legislation or guidelines that preclude sponsorship of overseas dentists into private practice?
  - (a) if so, what are they?
- (4) Do dentists come into consideration under the regional migration scheme?
  - (a) if not, why not?

1677. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) What actions is the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) taking to ensure residents around the Woodman Point Wastewater Treatment Plant are not exposed to air pollution and odour problems?
- (2) Are residents in the "Urban Deferred Area" zone offered exactly the same protections (including buffers) as those in "residential" zoned areas?
- (3) Why has the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) recommended a four-year extension to the current buffers on the Urban Deferred Zone side of the plant?
- (4) Has the Community Reference Group sought documentation from the Minister for Water Resources about the plant in September or October 2006?
  - (a) was this information provided; and
  - (b) if not why not?
- (5) Will the Minister table the Independent Review of the draft odour management plan commissioned by the EPA?

(6) If not, why not?

1678. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development; Federal Affairs

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Premier's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

- (1) How much does the box cost to hire for the year?
- (2) What is the purpose of the box and benefit to Western Australian taxpayers?
- (3) Was the box in use on either of the two nights of the Robbie Williams concerts on 30 November and 1 December this year?
- (4) If yes to (3) –
  - (a) who attended the box for each concert;
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  - (c) what was the total amount spent on food and alcohol on each night?
  - (d) what financial contribution did each guest make to the cost of the hire of the box and consumables?

1679. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Deputy Premier's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1680. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1681. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1682. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1683. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Attorney General; Health; Electoral Affairs

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Attorney General's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1684. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works; Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1685. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1686. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs; Tourism; Culture and the Arts

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1687. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for the Environment

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1688. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Energy; Science and Innovation

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1689. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development; Employment Protection; Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1690. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1691. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Corrective Services; Women's Interests; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1692. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Community Development; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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1693. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Do any departments, agencies, or taxpayer funded entities within the Minister's portfolio have a corporate box at Subiaco Oval and, if so –

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  - (d) what financial contribution did each guest make to the cost of the hire of the box and consumables?

1694. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Racing and Wagering WA (RWWA) has an eight-seater private box at Subiaco Oval?
- (2) Was this box being used during the Robbie Williams concert held on 30 November 2006?
- (3) Was this box being used during the Robbie Williams concert held on 1 December 2006?
- (4) How much did RWWA pay to hire the box for either or both of these nights of the Robbie Williams concerts?
- (5) How much was spent on food and drink for either or both of these nights of the Robbie Williams concerts?
- (6) Who attended the box on either or both of these nights of the Robbie Williams concerts?
- (7) How did WA taxpayers benefit from RWWA personnel and/or guests attending the Robbie Williams concerts?

- (8) Does RWWA hire this box for both West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers games?
- (9) What is the cost per year of this box?
- (10) How do WA taxpayers benefit from RWWA personnel and/or guests attending football matches at Subiaco Oval?

1695. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health

- (1) Do the current plans for the relocation and/or rebuilding of King Edward Memorial Hospital include plans for the relocation and/or rebuilding of the Family Birth Centre –
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) If yes to (1) -
  - (a) where will the Family Birth Centre be located?
  - (b) what will be the capacity of the Family Birth Centre?
  - (c) how much money has been allocated for the relocation and/or rebuilding of the Family Birth Centre?
  - (d) what facilities will be included in any relocated and/or rebuilt Family Birth Centre?
  - (e) will the Family Birth Centre be provided with any additional resources or funding in the period until this relocation and/or rebuilding takes place?

1696. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Attorney General

- (1) What are the names of all criminals approved for release into the community since 1 March 2001 despite being jailed for life or given indefinite sentences –
  - (a) what offences did each of these individuals commit;
  - (b) what conditions have been placed on their release;
  - (c) how long were they sentenced for; and
  - (d) how long did they serve?

1697. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development; Federal Affairs

For each department or agency for which the Premier is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1698. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

For each department or agency for which the Deputy Premier is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and

(c) 30 June 2006?

1699. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

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1700. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1701. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1702. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Attorney General; Health; Electoral Affairs

For each department or agency for which the Attorney General is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1703. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works; Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and

(c) 30 June 2006?

1704. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1705. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs; Tourism; Culture and the Arts

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1706. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for the Environment; Racing and Gaming; Peel and the South West

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1707. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Energy; Science and Innovation

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1708. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development; Employment Protection; Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1709. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1710. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Corrective Services; Women's Interests; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1711. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Community Development; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1712. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

For each department or agency for which the Minister is responsible, how many motor vehicles did the department or agency fully or partially fund that were utilised by staff outside operational or departmental duties, and were not part of the State Fleet, as at the following dates –

- (a) 30 June 2004;
- (b) 30 June 2005; and
- (c) 30 June 2006?

1713. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) What percentage of all police stations and districts in Western Australia are operating below their authorised strength?
- (2) Can the Minister list each district and station and any surplus or shortfall?
- (3) What was the total strength of front-line police officers in each district at 1 December 2006?
- (4) What is the expected strength of front-line police officers in the northern and southern suburbs in 2006-07?

- (a) what allowance has been made for attrition in the same period?

1714. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer

In reference to the investigation being undertaken by the State Supply Commission into contracts awarded in the training section of the Education and Training portfolio, as revealed by the Treasurer on 28 November 2006, I ask –

- (1) When did the Minister for Education and Training first express concerns with the Treasurer regarding the awarding of contracts in her portfolio?
- (2) When did the Treasurer receive the letter from the Minister for Education and Training requesting that the State Supply Commission investigate these contracts?
- (3) Will the Treasurer table this letter?
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (4) When did the Treasurer first request that the State Supply Commission investigate this issue?
- (5) When did the State Supply Commission's investigation commence?
- (6) When is the State Supply Commission's investigation due to be completed?
- (7) When is the Treasurer going to receive the findings of the State Supply Commission's investigation?
  - (a) Will the Treasurer make these findings public?
- (8) What are the terms of reference of the State Supply Commission's investigation?
  - (a) If no terms of reference exist, what is the scope of the investigation?
  - (b) Who is conducting the investigation?
- (9) What power does the State Supply Commission have to request documents and question individuals as part of its investigation?
- (10) Why did the Minister fail to reveal that an investigation was taking place into these contracts prior to the Minister being questioned in Parliament on 28 November 2006?

1715. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

In reference to the Industry Brokerage Team initiative announced on 5 August 2005, I ask –

- (1) What are the names of each of the industry training brokers employed through this scheme?
- (2) From what date were these brokers employed, and when do their contracts expire?
- (3) What are the corresponding areas of responsibility for each of these brokers?
- (4) What is the corresponding pay level for each of these brokers?
- (5) What additional taxpayer funded benefits are provided to each of these brokers (including but not limited to details on taxpayer funded motor vehicles, phones, computer access and any other form of remuneration, financial or otherwise)?
- (6) What formalised performance indicators are in place to measure the effectiveness of the brokers?
- (7) If there are no formalised performance indicators, why not?
- (8) If there are formalised performance indicators, what have the outcomes been?
- (9) Who oversees the operations of the training brokers?
- (10) What has been the total cost of the program to date?

1716. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training  
In reference to the Industry Brokerage Team initiative announced on 5 August 2005, I ask –

- (1) From where do the brokers operate?
- (2) Are any of these brokers provided resources through any industry training advisory bodies, and if so –
  - (a) which brokers are involved;
  - (b) which industry training advisory bodies are involved; and
  - (c) what is the nature and value of resources involved?
- (3) Are any industry training advisory bodies provided with resources, financial or otherwise, to house any of these brokers, and if so –
  - (a) which brokers are involved;
  - (b) which industry training advisory bodies are involved; and
  - (c) what is the nature and value of resources involved?
  - (d) which Department or Agency provides these resources?

1717. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) How many grant applications did the Office of Multicultural Interests receive for its ‘Inclusion and Integration Grants Program’?
- (2) How many applications did the Office of Multicultural Interests recommend for the Minister’s approval, and –
  - (a) who were the recommended recipients; and
  - (b) for what purpose were the grants recommended?
- (3) How many of those applications in (2) did the Minister approve –
  - (a) who were the recipients; and
  - (b) for what purpose were the grants provided?
- (4) How many of the applications for the ‘Inclusion and Integration Grants Program’ did the Office of Multicultural Interests not recommend to the Minister?
- (5) Did the Minister approve any of the applications not recommended to him in (4), and if so –
  - (a) who were the recipients;
  - (b) for what purpose were the grants provided; and
  - (c) what were the Minister’s reasons for approving these applications?

1718. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

With reference to the Woodman Point Wastewater treatment plant, I ask –

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns of Mr and Mrs M. O’Brien regarding the impact of the extended buffer zone?
- (2) What action is being taken to address the concerns which have been expressed?
- (3) Has the Environmental Protection Agency completed a report on the issue?
- (4) If so, what recommendations were made and will the Minister table a copy of the report?
  - (a) if not, why not?

1719. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) How many years did Dr Leela De Mel serve as Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Interests?
- (2) Was Dr Leela De Mel's position classified at Level 9 for the duration of her tenure?
  - (a) if not, what were the variations?
- (3) Is the current acting Executive Director, Mr Ellis Griffiths, being paid at the same level as Dr De Mel was?
  - (a) if not, what level is he on?
- (4) If Mr Ellis Griffiths is on a higher salary, is he undertaking any duties that are of a higher level which justifies a higher salary, and what are those duties?
- (5) For how long has Mr Griffiths been appointed to this position?
- (6) Who was responsible for selecting Mr Griffiths for this position, and where was he previously employed?
- (7) When and how will the position of Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Interests be filled on a permanent basis?
- (8) Given the government's so-called commitment to multiculturalism and substantive equality, will ethnic Western Australians have the opportunity to apply for the position of Executive Director of the Office of Multicultural Interests?

1720. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health

- (1) What was the total number of general surgery lists given to the four general surgeons operating in Bunbury Regional Hospital in 1995?
- (2) What was the total number of surgery lists given to the five general surgeons operating in Bunbury Regional Hospital in 1997?
- (3) What was the total number of surgery lists given to the four general surgeons operating in Bunbury Regional Hospital in 2004?
- (4) If the total number of surgery lists in (3) was decreased, why was this so?
- (5) When the number of general surgeons operating in Bunbury Regional Hospital decreased in 2003 from five to four was the total number of surgery lists redistributed to the remaining four general surgeons, or was one fifth of surgery lists removed from the total roster?
  - (a) If one fifth of surgery lists was removed, why?
- (6) What was the total number of operating lists for general surgery given to surgeons in Bunbury Regional Hospital in 2005 and 2006?
- (7) What is the total number of general surgery lists planned to be given to general surgeons at Bunbury Regional Hospital in 2007?
- (8) Why is the Country Health Service implementing "low activity days" in South West hospital surgical theatres in 2007?
- (9) What impact will low activity days have on total surgery list numbers in all South West Hospitals in 2007?
- (10) To which hospitals will low activity days in operating theatres be implemented?
- (11) How many general surgeons are in on-call rosters in public hospitals in the Perth metropolitan region?
- (12) How many general surgeons are in on-call rosters in the region covered by the Country Health Service?

- (13) With the appointment of a fifth general surgeon to commence in January 2007 at Bunbury Regional Hospital, will the apparently unused list allocation from the previous fifth general surgeon be allocated to him, or will the Minister's department cut the lists of the four current general surgeons and redistribute that already used allocation to him?

1721. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

With respect to Homemaker Programs for Indigenous families, I ask –

- (1) What was the budget for these programs in each year since they began?
- (2) How many staff members are currently employed to deliver these programs?
- (3) How many families have benefited from these programs in each year since they began?

1722. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

What has been or will be the expenditure by Western Power in the South West Integrated System on –

- (a) new transmission and distribution infrastructure; and
- (b) maintenance of transmission and distribution infrastructure,

for each of the years ended –

- (i) 30 June 2001;
- (ii) 30 June 2002;
- (iii) 30 June 2003;
- (iv) 30 June 2004;
- (v) 30 June 2005;
- (vi) 30 June 2006;
- (vii) 30 June 2007;
- (viii) 30 June 2008; and
- (ix) 30 June 2009?

1723. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

In regard to the safety concerns raised about the installation of the room airconditioning systems at Applecross Senior High School, which the Education Department was advised about on 14 July 2006, could the Minister please advise –

- (1) Who installed the individual room air-conditioners at the school and when was the work done?
- (2) Was the installation work carried out according to Australian Standard Specification 3000 guidelines?
  - (a) if yes, who certified that the work met the required guidelines; and
  - (b) if not, why not?
- (3) Has a full audit been undertaken at Applecross Senior High School to ensure that all room air-conditioners have been properly installed to this Standard?
  - (a) if so, when was that audit undertaken and what was the result?
  - (b) if not, why not?

- (4) Is the Minister aware that although the on-off switches have been repositioned, the control knobs on the air-conditioning units cannot be operated without a person standing on a chair or a desk to reach the unit?
- (5) What safety instructions have been issued to school staff on how to operate the room air-conditioners that have been installed out of reach?
- (6) Does the Minister condone the current practice of staff climbing onto desks to make adjustments to the air-conditioning settings on the units that have been installed out of reach?
  - (a) if no, what instructions have been issued to staff on how they should safely make these adjustments?
- (7) What Occupational Health and Safety training has been provided to the staff at the school?
- (8) Has a survey been undertaken to establish if there are any other State schools where room air-conditioners have been installed out of reach in breach of this Standard?
  - (a) If so, what were the results of that survey and when was it completed?
  - (b) If not, when will the Education Department undertake a survey?
- (9) What precautions has the Government put in place in the meantime to ensure the safety of staff at schools where the room air-conditioners have been installed out of reach?
- (10) What has the Minister done to ensure that the installation of room air-conditioners in State schools meet all of the necessary guidelines?

1724. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to a letter dated 28 September 1999 signed by Trevor Naughton for Fred Tromp from the Department of Environment (DoE) addressed to KCGM concerning the Fimiston I and Fimiston II tailings dams, I ask –

- (1) Is it correct that the letter dated 28 September 1999 in part states that groundwater chemistry has been affected up to 500 metres from the walls of the tailings storage facilities (TSFs) that while it is acknowledged that seepage from the TSFs is inevitable, they need to ensure that it is contained within the seepage recovery system?
- (2) If no to (1), will the Minister release the full text of this letter?
- (3) Can the Minister explain why the DoE was asking KCGM to ensure that seepage was contained within the seepage recovery system?
  - (a) If not, why not?

1725. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to a letter dated 17 July 2006 from the Minister for the Environment, reference 220 of 2005 addressed to Mr J Smith, I ask –

- (1) Can the Minister state and identify all the instances from 1989 to 2005 where there has been, as stated, some indication in the past of stress on vegetation as a result of seepage from the Fimiston TSF's?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) require KCGM to maintain groundwater levels at a depth of greater than 20 metres below the surface given that appellants, as stated, submitted numerous publications and scientific papers relating to certain plant species (not necessarily for the Southern Goldfields) with root systems that extended to depths greater than 20 metres?
  - (a) If not, why not?

1726. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the Kaltails Tailings dam, I ask –

- (1) Is it correct that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) allowed the operator of the tailings dam to stress and kill vegetation causing pollution in the period from 1989 through to 1999 without taking strong enforcement or prosecution action?
  - (a) If yes, can the Minister explain why?
  - (b) If no, what is correct?
- (2) Is it correct that the operator of the Kaltails tailings dam had a license condition in 1991/92 which stated that matter containing saline, alkaline or cyanide constituents shall be retained within impervious holding facilities, such that there is no discernible impairment of surface or underground waters?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Is it correct that the DEC considers that a permeability of 10<sup>-9</sup> metres per second, which equates to about a water seepage rate of three centimeters per year, as being impervious for their purpose?
  - (a) If not, why not?

1727. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to Prospecting Licence 26/3126 and a letter dated 17 July 2006 with enclosures from the Minister for the Environment, reference 220 of 2005 addressed to Mr J Smith, I ask -

- (1) Has the Minister received advice that the previous Minister for the Environment's appeal was legally enforceable?
- (2) Will the holder of Prospecting Licence 26/3126 and the environment contained within it have to suffer from unnaturally high ground water levels of approximately four metres below the surface) caused by toxic seepage emissions entering the tenement for the next 10 years or more until the mine closes?
- (3) If yes to (2) can the Minister explain why?
- (4) If no to (2) will the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) immediately direct KCGM to reduce groundwater levels within the confines of Prospecting Licence 26/3126 back to historical levels?
- (5) Can the Minister state what are the estimated historic groundwater levels below the surface on P26/3126 prior to the construction and operation of the Fimiston 1 tailings dam?
- (6) Can the Minister explain why toxic seepage emissions from the Fimiston I tailings dam below 4 metres ground level on P26/3126 cannot be considered environmental harm under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*?
  - (a) If not, why not?

1728. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list of Government Employees Superannuation Board staff and fund members who benefited from the so-called loophole which allowed them to "switch" frequently to gain an unfair financial advantage at the expense of other members?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Were any of the fund members who benefited from taking advantage of the so-called loophole family relatives to the staff members involved in the scheme?
- (3) Which Government agencies did the fund members who benefited from the scheme work for?

- (4) What disciplinary action has been taken by the GESB against staff members who participated in the scheme?
- (5) Will any disciplinary action be taken against fund members who participated in the scheme?
- (6) Why are all State Government employees forced to join the GESB fund, when most other employees in Australia are able to elect to join the superannuation fund of their choice?

1729. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Corrective Services

For the years 2004-2005 to 2005-2006, I ask -

- (1) How many adults were convicted for burglary offences?
- (2) How many adults were sentenced to a term of imprisonment where burglary was the most serious offence?
- (3) How many adults were convicted for robbery offences?
- (4) How many adults were sentenced to a term of imprisonment where robbery was the most serious offence?

1730. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Could the Minister provide a list of all Government schools located within the Air Cooling Zone?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Are all Government schools in this zone air-conditioned?
- (3) How frequently is the list of Government schools located within the Air Cooling Zone reviewed?

1731. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) How much has been provided to WA schools under the Federal Investing in Our School Program?
- (2) How much has been taken by the Education Department for "administration" of grants provided under the Federal Investing in Our School Program?

1732. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How much to date has been spent on the implementation the CADCOM project?
- (2) How far is the project currently off from its initial estimates and targets?

1733. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Is Allon Lacco included on the ANCOR register?
- (2) Is Allon Lacco currently imprisoned?

1734. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) How many convicted sex offenders have been located into Homeswest properties in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- (2) What suburbs have these offenders been located in?
- (3) How many convicted child sex offenders have been located into Homeswest properties in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006?

(4) What suburbs have these offenders been located in?

1735. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works

Will the Minister please advise of the current number of vacant Homeswest houses across Western Australia?

1736. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) What was the Homeswest waiting list as at 15 December 2006 (or nearest possible date)?
- (2) What groups comprised these waiting lists?
- (3) What were the numbers in each of the groups?
- (4) What was the shortest, longest and average waiting time for those on the waiting lists?
- (5) Is there any particular group that is more difficult than others to place?
- (6) If so, which group and why?

1737. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) What are the ten lowest ranking -
  - (a) primary schools; and
  - (b) high schools

in terms of their student to teacher ratios and the corresponding ratio?

- (2) What are the ten highest ranking -
  - (a) primary schools; and
  - (b) high schools

in terms of their student to teacher ratios and the corresponding ratio?

1738. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

With regard to the Classification Review of School Support Staff Positions 2005, can the Minister please advise –

- (1) What benchmarks and external factors were taken into consideration?
- (2) How many school registrars are there in Western Australia?
- (3) How many school registrar positions did the “New Review Panel” approve for reclassification?
- (4) How many additional school registrar positions have been approved for reclassification following the Union Disputes Committee’s discussions with the Education Department’s Director Human Resources and the Director General?
- (5) Are there any school registrars that have not been reclassified and if so, how many and why?
- (6) When will those remaining school registrars be reclassified?
- (7) Were student numbers considered in the reclassification process and if so, what part of the reclassification process were those numbers used?
- (8) What were the minimum, average and maximum student numbers at the schools where registrars were reclassified to Level 3?

- (9) What were the minimum, average and maximum student numbers at the schools where registrars were reclassified to Level 4?
- (10) What were the minimum, average and maximum student numbers at the schools where registrars were reclassified to Level 5?
- (11) What duties do the registrars of smaller schools perform that are different to the registrars based at larger schools?
- (12) At which schools will principals be required to undertake higher-level 4/5 duties where the registrar's position has not been reclassified to that level?

1739. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many un-staffed beds are currently in public hospitals throughout Western Australia?
- (2) Of those beds in (1) how many are solely at -
  - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital; and
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital?
- (3) How many staffed beds are there in public hospitals throughout Western Australia?
- (4) Of those beds in (3), how many are solely at –
  - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital; and
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital?

1740. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the wait list for ear, nose and throat surgery at -
  - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital;
  - (d) Joondalup Hospital; and
  - (e) Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (2) How many patients are on the wait list for ear, nose and throat surgery at non-teaching public hospitals?
- (3) What is the -
  - (a) longest wait time;
  - (b) shortest wait time; and
  - (c) average wait time

patients experience to receive these procedures at each hospital?

1741. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the monthly chart from Royal Perth, Sir Charles Gairdner, Fremantle and Princess Margaret Hospitals of daily average percentage 8-hour waits for admission?
- (2) What is the current number of FTE doctors at -

- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital; and
  - (d) Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (3) How does this compare to 2004-2005 and 2003-2004?
- (4) What is the current number of FTE nurses at -
- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital; and
  - (d) Princess Margaret Hospital?

1742. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many nurses resigned in -
- (a) 2005-2006;
  - (b) 2004-2005; and
  - (c) 2003-2004?
- (2) How many nursing staff were employed and retained over this same time?
- (3) What is the current number of nursing positions required, but not filled, for -
- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital; and
  - (d) Princess Margaret Hospital?

1743. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many doctors are employed in Western Australia public hospitals?
- (2) What is the ratio of doctors to population in Western Australian public hospitals and how does this compare to other State and Territories?
- (3) How many medical staff (doctors and nurses) are working at each of Western Australia's public hospitals?
- (4) What is the current number of doctors' positions required but not filled for -
- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital; and
  - (d) Princess Margaret Hospital?

1744. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many people are waiting for dental work through the public system?
- (2) How many of these people have been waiting -
- (a) up to 3 months;

- (b) up to 6 months;
- (c) up to 12 months; and
- (d) more than 12 months?

1745. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many patients were removed from tertiary and non-tertiary waiting lists between -
  - (a) 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2004;
  - (b) 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2005; and
  - (c) 1 January 2001 and 31 December (or nearest available date) 2006?
- (2) How many elective surgery wait-list procedures were undertaken at the privately-managed public hospitals in each of the calendar years -
  - (a) 2002;
  - (b) 2003;
  - (c) 2004;
  - (d) 2005; and
  - (e) 2006?
- (3) How many patients were on the elective surgery waiting lists on 1 January -
  - (a) 2004;
  - (b) 2005; and
  - (c) 2006?
- (4) How many patients were waiting to be assessed to go on to the waiting lists in the past -
  - (a) 12 months; and
  - (b) 24 months?

1746. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) When will refurbishments for the South Metropolitan Area Health Service begin and at what location (address)?
- (2) What will the refurbishment involve?
- (3) When will it be undertaken?
- (4) How much will the refurbishment and fit-out cost?

1747. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Community Development

According to National Research Centre for Prevention of Child Abuse, WA has the lowest substantiation rate for child abuse allegations in Australia, with only two cases per 1,000 allegations of abuse being substantiated. This compared to Queensland's rate of 14.1 per 1,000. Will the Minister please advise -

- (1) Why are substantiation rates for child abuse allegations so low in Western Australia?
- (2) Is it true that the appallingly low number of abuse allegations able to be confirmed by the DCD is a result of the poor resourcing and operation of the child protection system under your watch, and if not, why not?

1748. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Community Development

In relation to the Working with Children screening checks, I ask –

- (1) How many applications have been received since 1 January 2006?
- (2) How many screenings have been completed?
- (3) How many people have been issued with a negative notice?
- (4) What were the reasons for each of the negative notices?
- (5) Were any of the people who received a negative notice listed on the Australian National Child Offender Register or any other register?
- (6) For those people issued with a negative notice, what positions were they working in where they had contact with children?
- (7) Are any of these people currently working with children?
- (8) How many have been issued with interim negative notices?

1749. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) On what date did the Minister receive the latest Child Death Review Committee report?
- (2) When will the Minister make the document publicly available?
- (3) What is the reason for the delay?

1750. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) Has a review or audit of Safecare been undertaken, as previously committed to by the former Minister for Community Development?
  - (a) If so, has it been completed?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a copy of the Document, and if not, why not?

1751. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) Have any third party organisations been appointed to review cases before the Child Death Review Committee?
- (2) If so, why has this occurred?
- (3) Are there any concerns in having a third party organisation review sensitive cases?
- (4) What is the name of the organisation or organisations which have been contracted to help the Child Death Review Committee?
- (5) When and by whom was the committee authorised to put out these contracts and how much was or will be paid to each individual contractor?

1752. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) Has the Department for Community Development conducted any investigation into operations at Periwinkles Day Care, Huntingdale?
- (2) If so, what form did this take?
- (3) What was the result of the investigation?
- (4) Will the Minister provide documentation relating to this investigation, including any reports?

1753. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) Does the Minister and the Government support mandatory reporting of child abuse?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Will this position be reconsidered or changed in the near future?

1754. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Women's Interests

I refer to the Public Sector Standards Commissioner's report tabled on 21 November which comes on top of a damning equal opportunity report from earlier this year exposing the Government's poor performance in giving women equality.

Given these two reports have found a significant reduction in women being appointed to vacant or acting CEO positions from 2002 to 2006, how does the Minister respond to criticism that the Minister and the government are failing to bring equality to women in the public sector?

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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