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Questions postponed from previous sittings: -

Tuesday, 12 December 2006

1697. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier; Minister for Federal-State Relations; Trade; Innovation; Science; Public Sector Management

1698. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development

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

1700. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training; South West

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

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

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

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

1705. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Disability Services; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection

1706. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Peel

1707. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Energy; Resources; Industry and Enterprise

1708. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Local Government; Employment Protection; Racing and Gaming; Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern

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

1710. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Corrective Services; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations

1711. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering

1712. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Local Government; Racing and Gaming; Multicultural Interests and Citizenship; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure; Goldfields-Esperance; Youth

Tuesday, 27 February 2007

1756. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

1765. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training

1768. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Housing and Works

1770. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

1772. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 1811. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1816. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1817. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1819. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1820. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1821. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training

Wednesday, 28 February 2007

- 1829. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1830. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 1831. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

Thursday, 1 March 2007

- 1833. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 1837. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Treasurer

Tuesday, 20 March 2007

- 1838. Mr M.J. Birney to the Attorney General
- 1839. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1840. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer
- 1841. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer
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- 1843. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Public Sector Management
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- 1852. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 1853. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern
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- 1997. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1998. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer
- 1999. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health
- 2000. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 2002. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier
- 2003. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier; Minister for Federal-State Relations; Trade; Innovation; Science; Public Sector Management
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2017. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering
2018. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier; Minister for Federal-State Relations; Trade; Innovation; Science; Public Sector Management
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Wednesday, 21 March 2007

- 2072. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2073. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Energy
- 2074. Dr E. Constable to the Attorney General
- 2075. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Health
- 2076. Mr M.J. Birney to the Premier
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- 2084. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism
- 2085. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2086. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Premier
- 2087. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism
- 2088. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Education and Training

Questions listed for this sitting: -

- 2089. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Education and Training
 - (1) What was the total number of teachers employed at the beginning of each school year in each of the last 5 years?
 - (2) What was the total number of teachers employed at the beginning of the 2007 school year?
- 2090. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Water Resources

The 2006-2007 Budget papers for *Appropriations and Forward Estimates* state the 2005-2006 budget appropriation for 'Water licensing and regulation' was \$18.645 million and for 2006-2007 is \$21.544 million. The 2006-2007 Budget papers state, as a Key Efficiency Indicator, the average cost per

gigalitre of water licensed was \$6,164 for 2005-2006 and the target is \$6,340 for 2006-2007, and I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister explain why the proposed charges for water licence fees, to be introduced on 1 July 2007 are, in many instances, more than the \$6.34 per megalitre total cost of water licensing and regulation?
- (2) Can the Minister explain why the water licence fees to be introduced on 1 July 2007 are not based on the approximately \$6 per megalitre cost of water licence administration?
- (3) Given the 2006-2007 Budget papers state the average cost per gigalitre of water licensed in 2006-2007 is targeted to be \$6,340, can the Minister advise what is the proportion and value of the \$6,340 per gigalitre being applied to -
 - (a) licence application;
 - (b) licence renewal;
 - (c) checking compliance with licence conditions;
 - (d) maintaining licensing databases;
 - (e) management of appeals; and
 - (f) community awareness?

2091. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Water Resources

- (1) Given mandatory metering will be required for all water licenses above 50 megalitres and the Department of Water Resources will apply an annual metering charge for the cost of purchase, installation, maintenance, replacement and reading (remote telemetric) of meters, will the Minister advise of the estimated annual metering charge for water extracted from private dams in the Manjimup and Margaret River area for -
 - (a) water flowing from a 100mm pipe at the base of a dam; and
 - (b) water being extracted by a pump from the edge of a dam via a 100mm pipe?
- (2) Has the Department of Water Resources conducted trials of metering water use from licensed dams on properties in the Manjimup and Margaret River areas?
 - (a) If so, will the Minister advise where the results of the trials are published?
- (3) How many meters does the Minister estimate would be required to be installed to meter water use by landholders with licenses to take water in the catchments of the -
 - (a) Warren River; and
 - (b) the Donnelly River above the 50 megalitre metering threshold?
 - (i) what is the basis for estimating the number of meters required by each licence holder?
- (4) Will the Minister advise what percentage of water in the catchments of the Warren River and the Donnelly River has been allocated in present licenses?
- (5) In practice, how will water trading operate between two landholders with private dams on a stream where there may be 5 dams on other landholdings between them, with only winter overflow spillways and no piped connection?
- (6) If the Minister cannot be precise on the mechanism for trading in such circumstances, why is the Government proposing to separate water entitlements from land title and to impose costly water metering, in order to promote "water trading"?

2092. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Water Resources

The Department of Water Resources has recommended that new water licence administration fees of \$200 to \$3,000 should apply annually to 18,700 water licenses in Western Australia from 1 July 2007, and I ask -

- (1) Given the new water licence administration fees are intended to recover the costs associated with licence renewals, checking compliance with licence conditions, maintaining licensing databases, management of appeals and community awareness, for the \$600 annual licence fee for a 50 megalitre water licence, can the Minister advise what proportion and value of the licence fee will be applied to -
 - (a) licence renewal;
 - (b) checking compliance with licence conditions;
 - (c) maintaining licensing databases;
 - (d) management of appeals; and
 - (e) community awareness?
- (2) Given the Government can issue or renew a Drivers licence for 5 years for \$111, or \$22.20 a year, will the Minister explain why the Department of Water Resources is seeking 9 to 54 times that amount for a water licence?
- (3) Will the Minister explain why the fee for a water licence includes the costs of management of appeals when appeals against decisions of the Department of Water Resources are required to be dealt with by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with their schedule of fees for appellants?
- (4) Is it appropriate that the Department of Water Resources expects all water licence applicants or holders to meet the cost of the Department's response to appeals against the Department's decisions?
- (5) Will the Minister explain why water licence holders will have to meet the cost of Government community awareness programs, especially when promotional expenditures are discretionary by Government and are often political in nature?
- (6) Will the Minister itemise which community awareness programs running in 2006-2007, and continuing or proposed for 2007-2008, that the Department of Water will expect water licenses holders to fund from water licence fees to be collected from 1 July 2007?

2093. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regards to the railway line between Greenbushes and Bunbury Inner Harbour, I ask -

- (1) Has work commenced on the upgrade of the railway line between Greenbushes and Bunbury Inner Harbour?
 - (a) If not, why not; and
 - (b) When is work expected to commence?
- (2) When is the upgrade of the railway line between Greenbushes and the Bunbury Inner Harbour expected to be completed?
- (3) Has the construction of the wood chipper in the Bunbury Inner Harbour commenced?
- (4) When is the construction of the wood chipper in the Bunbury Inner Harbour expected to be completed?
- (5) Will the Internodal Unit planned for Greenbushes still be built according to the original plan?
 - (a) If not, why not?

- (6) When can we expect to see logs and woodchips being carted on the Greenbushes to Bunbury Inner Harbour Railway line?

2094. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

From the Rottnest Island Authority's (RIA) website article 'Mt Herschel Development', it appears that there will be no additional bus services required to cater for approximately 120 extra visitors to the Longreach/Geordie area each day; however, the Norman Disney Young Report states that the developer would be responsible for the movement of luggage to and from the facility. Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) Will the new hotel have its own courtesy bus?
- (2) If so, will the developer's courtesy bus be able to cope with the anticipated extra passengers?
- (3) Will the new hotel have its own luggage delivery van?
- (4) Will the luggage delivery van be able to cope with the increased luggage for 120 visitors to the new hotel?
- (5) How many extra vehicle services including service vehicles in total in summer are estimated each day between the new development and Thomson's Bay?
- (6) Does the RIA have a Traffic Management Plan in place to minimise extra vehicular traffic on this road?

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