

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 213**

**Tuesday, 24 June 2008**

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When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

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## POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, 8 April 2008***

6146. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 29 2008*)

***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, 6 May 2008***

6283. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)
6284. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)
6285. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise (*SO 138(d) response - June 5 2008*)

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***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, 27 May 2008***

6332. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
6333. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Youth
6334. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Government Enterprises
6342. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6343. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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6358. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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6365. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government
6366. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
6367. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship
6368. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Government Enterprises
6369. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
6370. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance
6371. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Youth
6372. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development
6373. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Employment Protection
6374. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Fisheries
6375. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
6377. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Communities
6378. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Women's Interests
6379. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering
6380. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
6381. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal-State Relations
6382. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Trade
6383. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Innovation
6384. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science
6385. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
6386. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
6387. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
6388. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
6396. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
6397. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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6398. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Heritage
6399. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Land Information
6402. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
6404. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection
6405. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
6407. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
6408. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
6409. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
6412. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6413. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Climate Change
6414. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Peel
6415. Hon Brian Ellis to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

***Notice Given Tuesday, 3 June 2008***

6417. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
6418. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
6419. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
6420. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
6422. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
6423. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

***Notice Given Wednesday, 4 June 2008***

6424. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
6426. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

***Notice Given Thursday, 5 June 2008***

6430. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources

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6431. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
6432. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
6433. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
6434. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6434. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6435. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6436. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
6437. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
6438. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government

***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, 18 June 2008***

6439. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
6440. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6441. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
6442. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
6443. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

***Notice Given***                      ***Thursday, 19 June 2008***

6444. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
6445. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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6446. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

I refer the Minister to the gas supply problem, as a result of the gas pipe explosion on Varanus Island, and ask, how much electricity can Verve provide for SWIS without using gas and how does that figure compare to SWIS' peak winter demand?

6447. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

I refer the Minister to the gas supply disruption resulting from the accident on Varanus Island, and ask -

- (1) Has any Government entity traded its gas supply to industry since the disruption?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister provide details as to, -
  - (a) which entities have traded their gas supply;
  - (b) to whom their gas was sold;
  - (c) what are the gas volumes involved; and
  - (d) at what prices?

6448. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the estimated total cost of capital works for Main Roads WA, as displayed at pages 737 and 738 of the Budget Papers, an amount of \$6 731 402 000. Noting that the individual works listed as a total of, \$6 280 246, I ask -

- (1) What is the reason for the total exceeding the reality by \$451 million?
- (2) Is it the case that \$451 million worth of projects were initially scheduled to commence in the 2008-2009 year, but now will not?
- (3) What are the individual projects giving rise to this discrepancy and the approximate value of each project?

6449. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

I refer the Minister to announcements by Norton Gold Fields regarding their interim gas supply arrangements with Alinta, which has seen their gas price increase from around \$90 per megawatt hour to around \$400, and ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that such a massive gas price rise is regulated by the Government's Independent Market Operator?
- (2) Will the Minister explain the rationale by which the market regulator would produce a price outcome that endorses profiteering from the current gas supply disruption?

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- (3) As gas suppliers were selling gas profitably at much lower pre-disruption prices, will the Minister ask the regulators to urgently review their methodology to take account of contracted gas prices as the base price for calculating current market prices and thus stop the excessive exploitation of the current gas supply problem?

6450. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the answer to question on notice No 6325, and ask -

- (1) What was the average number of boardings per weekday on the Joondalup line for -
  - (a) 2001-2002;
  - (b) 2002-2003;
  - (c) 2003-2004;
  - (d) 2004-2005;
  - (e) 2005-2006;
  - (f) 2006-2007; and
  - (g) 2007-2008?
- (2) What was the average number of railcars per weekday in the same years?
- (3) What are the projected average boardings per weekday for -
  - (a) 2008-2009;
  - (b) 2009-2010;
  - (c) 2010-2011; and
  - (d) 2011-2012?
- (4) What is the anticipated average number of railcars per weekday in the same years?

6451. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How much funding has been raised each year in Boating Registration Fees since 1999-2000?
- (2) What is the number of boating registrations received in each of these years?
- (3) As there isn't a public boating facility (jetty) between Woodman's Point and Hillarys Boat Harbour, what is proposed to meet the large public demand in this area?
- (4) What is being done to address the outdated and damaged Navigation Marks that are in the Swan River?

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