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7240. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

7241. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Attorney General

How many unexplained wealth declarations have been sought under the *Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000* in the years 2008–09, 2009–10, 2010–11 and 2011–12 to date; and

- (a) how many such declarations were granted in each of the abovementioned years; and
- (b) for each of those years how much was paid into the Confiscation Proceeds Account as a consequence of these declarations?

7242. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Lands

What is the total area of unallocated crown land and pastoral leases in Western Australia; and

- (a) what are the current arrangements for assessing fuel loads on that land; and
- (b) of that land what percentage has had its fuel load assessed in the last five years?

7243. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment

Has a post incident analysis been conducted by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) on the fires in Milyeannup in November 2011; and

- (a) if not, why not; and
- (b) if so, when was that review concluded; and
  - (i) what measures will be introduced as a result of that analysis;
  - (ii) have any determinations as to liability been made;
  - (iii) will any compensation be paid; and
  - (iv) has DEC undertaken any other remediation of damage such as fences, and if so, will the Minister list all such remediation?

7244. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Attorney General

I refer to the recent case involving Matthew Silvestro and community concerns that no charges could be laid in relation to an 8 month old foetus killed in a car crash as a result of his actions, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister be considering any changes to the law to redress this situation; and
- (b) if not, why not?

7245. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

I refer to the state alert system, and ask:

- (a) when was the system last upgraded; and
- (b) are the changes being made to the national alert system, whereby messages will be conveyed to residents even if not physically present at their residence at the time of the emergency, going to be adopted in Western Australia, and if so when?

7246. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Premier

I refer to the recent announcement by the Minister for Emergency Services that Mr Wayne Gregson has been permanently appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority, and I ask:

- (a) when was the position advertised;
- (b) how many applicants were there;
- (c) how many applicants were interviewed;
- (d) what were the selection criteria;
- (e) what persons were on the interview panel; and
- (f) when was the appointment ratified by Cabinet?

7247. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Ballajura Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7248. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Arbor Grove Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7249. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

In reference to the answer to Question on Notice 6564, the Minister for Housing indicated the following questions should be directed to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, therefore in regard to the Cullacabardee Aboriginal Community, I ask:

- (a) what is the current number of dwellings in the community;
- (b) how many houses have been demolished or removed since 1 January 2009; and

- (c) what role will the Department of Housing have in respect to the community in the future?

7250. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Ballajura Community College, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7251. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Caversham Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7252. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Ellenbrook Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7253. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Ellenbrook Secondary College, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7254. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Ellen Stirling Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7255. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Illawarra Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;



- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7256. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Landsdale Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7257. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to Malvern Springs Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7258. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

Can the Minister provide a list of all schools that she has visited from October 2011 to date?

7259. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

With reference to South Ballajura Primary School, I ask:

- (a) what is the current estimated value of maintenance required;
- (b) what are the details of maintenance required;
- (c) have funds been allocated for such maintenance; and
- (d) if not, when will funds be allocated?

7260. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport

I refer to draft plan, Public Transport for Perth in 2031, and the lack of detail provided on the Government's plan for an Ellenbrook bus rapid transit system, and ask:

- (a) what is the estimated cost of this project;
- (b) has a detailed design of the project been completed;
- (c) what analysis was undertaken to consider the benefits of this proposal against other similar projects for the corridor;
- (d) is there a cost/benefit ratio for the proposal; and
- (e) when is construction expected to commence?

7261. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Gngara Road and Beechboro Road intersection and ask:

- (a) how many traffic crashes occurred at this intersection in 2010 and 2011; and
- (b) how many fatalities have occurred at this intersection in 2010 and 2011?

7262. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Reid Highway and Malaga Drive intersection and ask:

- (a) how many traffic crashes occurred at this intersection in 2010 and 2011; and
- (b) how many fatalities have occurred at this intersection in 2010 and 2011?

7263. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport

Have estimates been undertaken on the cost of building an overpass at the intersection of Malaga Drive and Reid Highway, if so, what is the current estimate of the project?

7264. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport

Has the Government made the decision to list the proposed Perth Darwin Highway and/or the Swan Valley Bypass as a priority in its upcoming Infrastructure Australia submission?

7265. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 4503, when the Minister highlighted that an estimated cost to construct the Perth Darwin Highway was yet to be determined, and ask:

- (a) when was the business case completed;
- (b) will the Minister table a copy of the business case;
- (c) has project development work begun; and
- (d) when will the project receive State Government funding?

7266. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport

What is the current estimate on the cost of duplicating the Reid Highway between Beechboro Road and West Swan Road?

7267. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

I refer to the 2011–12 State Budget that included \$1.5 million for a South Landsdale – Pre-Primary Transportable, and ask:

- (a) has this funding been used;
- (b) if not, why not; and
- (c) what school was this funding targeted at?

7268. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education

At the commencement of term 1, 2012 what was the Full Time Equivalent allocation for each of the following schools:

- (a) Ballajura Community College;
- (b) Ballajura Primary School;
- (c) Caversham Primary School;
- (d) Illawarra Primary School;
- (e) Landsdale Primary School;
- (f) South Ballajura Primary School;
- (g) Arbor Grove Primary School;
- (h) Ellenbrook Primary School;
- (i) Ellenbrook Secondary College;
- (j) Ellen Stirling Primary School;
- (k) Malvern Springs Primary School; and

(l) Upper Swan Primary School?

7269. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Western Power pole replacement program, and I ask:

- (a) in the 2011–12 financial year, have any wooden power poles been replaced where the pole(s) are not in fact part of a 'live' transmission system; and
- (b) if yes, how many such poles have been replaced, and at what cost?

7270. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to media comments by Government Ministers that the Government is committed to full cost reflective tariffs for domestic electricity prices, and I ask:

- (a) has the Government calculated the full cost reflective domestic tariff for electricity in Western Australia; and
- (b) what is the full cost reflective domestic tariff for electricity in Western Australia?

7271. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) What is the current average ex-plant price of gas paid by Verve?
- (2) What is the current average ex-plant price of gas paid by Synergy?

7272. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the media release of the Minister for Energy dated 30 November 2011 headed Domestic gas secured through Gorgon contract, and I ask:

- (a) is it true that the supply of gas in accordance with these contracts is subject to interruption by the producers if they need to supply export LNG;
- (b) are these contracts subject to any supply conditions; and
  - (i) if yes, can the Minister please specify these conditions;
- (c) what is the initial price for the gas to be supplied by these contracts, and how frequently is this price to be adjusted;
- (d) is the price of gas, set in accordance with these contracts, set by way of linking to the price of oil or any index set in relation to oil prices; and
- (e) is the price of gas set by this contract higher or lower than the price currently paid by Verve and Synergy in respect to their current supply arrangements from the North West Shelf Joint Venture?

7273. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) What percentage of total electricity generation effort in Western Australia outside of the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) was provided by renewable energy generation in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011; and
  - (a) if it is not possible to provide the information by calendar years, will the Minister provide the information by financial years?
- (2) What percentage of total electricity generation effort in Western Australia outside of the SWIS is expected to be provided by renewable energy generation in the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020; and
  - (a) if it is not possible to provide the information by calendar years, will the Minister provide the information by financial years?

7274. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Strategic Energy Initiative announced on 26 August 2009 by the Minister for Energy, and I ask:

- (a) has the Strategic Energy Initiative been completed, and if yes, has the Strategic Energy Initiative been approved by Cabinet; and
  - (i) on what date was it approved; and
  - (ii) if no to (a), when is the Strategic Energy Initiative expected to be completed?

7275. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister for Energy's announcement of 26 August 2009 that the Government would not remerge Verve and Synergy, and I ask:

- (a) is this still the policy position of the Government;
- (b) if not, on what date did the Government's policy position change; and
- (c) on what date did the Government announce that it had changed its policy position?

7276. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) In respect to the Western Power network, for the area outside the Perth metropolitan region, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the age of wooden power poles by year, up to 40 years old (i.e. number of wooden power poles less than 1 years old, 1 year old, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years old etc.)?
- (2) In respect to the Western Power network, for the area outside the Perth metropolitan region, will the Minister provide a breakdown of how many wooden power poles of the following ages have been reinforced, by year, up to 40 years old (i.e. number of wooden power poles less than 1 years old, 1 year old, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years old etc.)?
- (3) In respect to the Western Power network, for the area outside the Perth metropolitan region, will the Minister provide a breakdown of how many wooden power poles, are beyond their useful life and require replacement, by year, up to 40 years old (i.e. number of wooden power poles less than 1 years old, 1 year old, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years old etc.)?
- (4) In respect to the Western Power network, for the area outside the Perth metropolitan region, will the Minister provide a breakdown of how many wooden power poles, are damaged and/or worn and require reinforcement, by year, up to 40 years old (i.e. number of wooden power poles less than 1 years old, 1 year old, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years old etc.)?

7277. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

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- (4) In respect to the Western Power network, for Perth metropolitan region, will the Minister provide a breakdown of how many wooden power poles, are damaged and/or worn and require

reinforcement, by year, up to 40 years old (i.e. number of wooden power poles less than 1 years old, 1 year old, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years old etc.)?

7278. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

Can the Premier please specify which proponents of gas processing projects he has held discussions with in the calendar year 2011?

7279. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's announcement on ABC Radio on 16 August 2011 that there should be Liquid National Gas (LNG) transshipments to Australia's east coast, and I ask:

- (a) has the Department of State Development or the Department of Premier and Cabinet been requested to develop the proposal further;
- (b) has the Premier discussed the proposal with any of the gas producers operating in Western Australia;
  - (i) if so, with which producer(s) have discussions been held; and
  - (ii) on what dates where these discussions conducted; and
- (c) given that all existing LNG production facilities are currently supplying gas to existing export customers, which LNG producers have capacity to supply an LNG receival point on the east coast; and
- (d) what is the expected delivered price of gas for LNG transshipments to an LNG receival point on the east coast?

7280. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's previous position that there should be a world-class 4,000 hectare industrial park at Maitland in the Pilbara, and ask what steps have been taken to implement this vision?

7281. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Government's response to the report of the Economics and Industry Committee, Inquiry into Domestic Gas Prices, and I ask:

- (a) how many meetings have been held between any Ministers in the Government, including the Premier, with representatives of the North West Shelf Joint Venture, for the purpose of pursuing Recommendation 5;
- (b) how many meetings have been held between any representatives of the Department of State Development with representatives of the North West Shelf Joint Venture, for the purpose of pursuing Recommendation 5; and
- (c) what is the expected time line for the completion of these negotiations?

7282. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's media release of 5 January 2012 headed 'New Public Utilities Office to be established', and I ask:

- (a) was the decision to abolish the Office of Energy and create the Public Utilities Office made by Cabinet;
- (b) if yes, on what date did Cabinet make this decision;
- (c) was the Minister for Energy in attendance at this Cabinet meeting?

7283. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Forestry

- (1) What are the numbers of jarrah sleepers produced from Western Australia for the calendar years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?

(2) What are the anticipated numbers, from contract let, of jarrah sleepers to be produced in 2012?

7284. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance

I refer to recommendation 48 of the Keelty report into the Kelmscott Roleystone fires, and I ask:

- (a) at what stage is the implementation at; and
- (b) when will the responsibility for the management and distribution of the Emergency Services Levy be transferred to the Department of Finance?

7285. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Housing

- (1) What is the current policy of the department in taking into account reports by neighbours to the police in relation to a Homeswest property's tenants?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm whether it is an existing practice that only the complaints to police of immediate neighbours are taken into account by the department in deciding whether to enforce anti-social behaviour policies; and
  - (a) if correct, when did this policy come into force; and
  - (b) if not, can the Minister advise whether such a practice is currently occurring in Karratha?

7286. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

Will the Minister list the locations of the career fire stations that are planned to be constructed in the next 2 years, 5 years and 10 years?

7287. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Will the Minister list the target area for prescribed burns and the amount of area actually burnt for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (2) What is the target area for prescribed burning in 2012?

7288. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment

Has the Department of Environment and Conservation completed its incident review and post operational assessment on the fire at Milyeannup and Scott River in November 2011; and

- (a) if so, who conducted it and what were its recommendations; and
- (b) if not, why not?

7289. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment

Is the Department of Environment and Conservation currently reassessing smoke management guidelines; and if so, what issues are being examined and when is that review likely to be finished?

7290. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Lands

- (1) What monitoring, if any, is currently being undertaken by the Department for Lands using airborne and satellite imagery of firebreaks?
- (2) If monitoring does take place, do the Department for Lands undertake this monitoring as a matter of routine, or is it undertaken at the request of third parties, and if so, by whom; and
  - (a) is the information of this monitoring disseminated, and if so, to what third parties; and
  - (b) is it accessible to the public online?

7291. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

I refer to a recommendation of the Keelty inquiry into the Kelmscott Roleystone fires that fuel load information be made public and to concerns expressed by Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) that this may facilitate arson, and I ask:

- (a) what is the basis of these concerns;
- (b) is there any evidence from Western Australia or elsewhere to support these assertions;
- (c) have FESA examined any alternatives for release of this information which might minimise this risk; and
  - (i) if so, what alternative proposals, if any, are being examined?

7292. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police

I refer to a recommendation of the Keelty inquiry into the Kelmscott Roleystone fires that fuel load information be made public and to concerns expressed by police that this may facilitate arson, and I ask:

- (a) what is the basis of these concerns;
- (b) is there any evidence from Western Australia or elsewhere to support these assertions;
- (c) have police examined any alternatives for release of this information which might minimise this risk; and
  - (i) if so, what alternative proposals, if any, are being examined?

7293. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Planning

I refer to the planning guidelines for bushfire prone areas, and I ask:

- (a) will these be given legislative effect;
- (b) if so, in what form; and
- (c) if not, why not?

7294. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Local Government

- (1) Has the Minister received written or oral representations from local government about resources required for local authorities to assess fuel loads and or to enforce local government laws concerning fuel load on private land, and if so, when, and by whom?
- (2) Has there been any assessment by the Department for Local Government on the additional resources required by local governments to comply with the recommendations of the Keelty inquiry into the Kelmscott Roleystone fires, and if so, what is that assessment?

7295. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment

- (1) For how many hours was the Erikson Skycrane water bomber, known as 'Elvis', airborne for fire incidents, since 1 November 2011; and
  - (a) what incidents did the Skycrane attend; and
  - (b) what was the cost of its deployment per hour?
- (2) For how many hours were the two Type 1 water bombers (4,000 litres) airborne for fire incidents, since 1 November 2011; and
  - (a) what incidents did the two Type 1 water bombers attend; and
  - (b) what was the cost of their deployment per hour?
- (3) For how many hours were the four Helitac water bombers (1,000 litres) airborne for fire incidents, since 1 November 2011; and

- (a) what incidents did the four Helitac water bombers attend; and
- (b) what was the cost of their deployment per hour?
- (4) For how many hours were the eight fixed wing (3,000 litre) aircraft airborne for fire incidents, since 1 November 2011; and
- (5) what incidents did the eight fixed wing aircraft attend; and
- (6) what was the cost of their deployment per hour?
- (7) For how many hours were the nine spotter aircraft airborne for fire incidents, since 1 November 2011; and
  - (a) what incidents did the nine spotter aircraft attend; and
  - (b) what was the cost of their deployment per hour?
- (8) For how many hours was the aerial intelligence helicopter airborne for fire incidents, since 1 November 2011; and
  - (a) what incidents did the aerial intelligence helicopter attend; and
  - (b) what was the cost of deployment of the aerial intelligence helicopter per hour?

7296. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Premier

Is the Department of Premier and Cabinet currently formulating a tenure blind fuel load management policy; and

- (a) if not why not;
- (b) if so, is it being undertaken jointly with other agencies; and
  - (i) if so, which ones; and
- (c) has consultation occurred in the formulation of the policy; and
  - (i) if so, with whom; and
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (d) when is it anticipated that this policy will be finalised; and
- (e) when is it anticipated that this policy will be made public?

7297. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

Is the Fire and Emergency Services Authority currently formulating a tenure blind fuel load management policy; and

- (a) if not why not;
- (b) if so, is it being undertaken jointly with other agencies; and
  - (i) if so, which ones; and
- (c) has consultation occurred in the formulation of the policy; and
  - (i) if so, with whom; and
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (d) when is it anticipated that this policy will be finalised; and
- (e) when is it anticipated that this policy will be made public?

7298. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment

Is the Department for Environment and Conservation currently formulating a tenure blind fuel load management policy; and



- (a) if not why not;
- (b) if so, is it being undertaken jointly with other agencies; and
  - (i) if so, which ones; and
- (c) has consultation occurred in the formulation of the policy; and
  - (i) if so, with whom; and
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (d) when is it anticipated that this policy will be finalised; and
- (e) when is it anticipated that this policy will be made public?

7299. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many people applied for the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS), for each of the following suburbs, in January 2011 and February 2011:
  - (a) Alexander Heights;
  - (b) Koondoola;
  - (c) Mirrabooka;
  - (d) Nollamara; and
  - (e) Westminster?
- (2) How many people received payments under the HUGS, for each of the following suburbs, for applications made in January 2011 and February 2011:
  - (a) Alexander Heights;
  - (b) Koondoola;
  - (c) Mirrabooka;
  - (d) Nollamara; and
  - (e) Westminster?

7300. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many people applied for the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS), for each of the following suburbs, in January 2012 and February 2012:
  - (a) Alexander Heights;
  - (b) Koondoola;
  - (c) Mirrabooka;
  - (d) Nollamara; and
  - (e) Westminster?
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  - (a) Alexander Heights;
  - (b) Koondoola;
  - (c) Mirrabooka;
  - (d) Nollamara; and
  - (e) Westminster?

7301. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

- (1) What is the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff capacity for offices in Katanning?
- (2) What is the current number of FTE Department for Agriculture and Food staff resident in Katanning?

7302. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the decision of May 2011 by Western Power to notify the Economic Regulation Authority of a Type 1, immediately reportable, licence contravention concerning problems with missing data in the database used by Western Power to record life support customer addresses, and I ask:

- (a) is all required data now available in the database used by Western Power, and if yes, on what date was the database brought up to date;
- (b) was Western Power's licence contravention taken into account when the Government subsequently decided to re-appoint Mr Doug Aberle to the position of Managing Director of Western Power, with an increased salary, if yes, was this licence contravention advised to Cabinet prior to the decision to re-appointment Mr Aberle being made;
- (c) can the Minister for Energy please detail the dates of every meeting with the Board or management of Western Power, or any director of Western Power, where the Minister discussed this licence contravention;
- (d) can the Minister please detail the dates of any correspondence from the Minister to Western Power concerning this licence contravention; and
- (e) can the Minister please detail the dates of any correspondence from Western Power to the Minister concerning this licence contravention?

7303. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to note (d) on page 123 of the 2011–12 Mid-year Financial Projections Statement, and I ask:

- (a) when was the Minister for Energy advised by Verve that its implementation plan does not commit to achievement of the full savings target;
- (b) has the Minister discussed this issue with the Board or management of Verve, or any individual director of the Board, and if so, on what dates did the Minister have these discussions;
- (c) has the Minister written to Verve regarding this issue, and if so, on what date(s), and will the Minister table this correspondence;
- (d) has Verve written to the Minister regarding this issue, and if so, on what date(s), and will the Minister table this correspondence;
- (e) what is the difference between the annual savings identified in the Verve implementation plan and the amounts specified on page 123 of the 2011–12 Mid-year Financial Projections Statement for the years 2011–12, 2012–13, 2013–14 and 2014–15?
- (f) has this matter been discussed at Cabinet, and if so, on what date(s);
- (g) has the Treasurer written to the Minister regarding this issue, and if so, on what date(s), and will the Minister table this correspondence;
- (h) has the Minister written to the Treasurer regarding this issue, and if so, on what date(s), and will the Minister table this correspondence; and
- (i) has the Treasurer discussed this matter with the Minister, and if so, on what date(s)?

7304. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to Minister for Energy's reported comments in *The West Australian* of 16 February 2012 in relation to the Report 14 of the Public Administration Committee, entitled *Unassisted Failure*, where the Minister states that those issues that were identified were from 2006, 2008, and I ask:

- (a) which paragraphs of the Report does the Minister rely on in making the decision that the Report does not relate to the current operations of Western Power;
- (b) does the Minister have confidence in the Board of Western Power;
- (c) does the Minister have confidence in the management of Western Power;
- (d) does the Minister reject the need to commission a wide ranging independent inquiry into the structure, culture and operations of Western Power;
- (e) can the Minister please detail the dates of every meeting with the Board or management of Western Power, or any director of Western Power, where the Minister for Energy discussed Report 14 of the Public Administration Committee;
- (f) can the Minister please detail the dates of any correspondence from the Minister to Western Power concerning Report 14 of the Public Administration Committee;
- (g) can the Minister please detail the dates of any correspondence from Western Power to the Minister concerning Report 14 of the Public Administration Committee;
- (h) has the Minister held any discussions with the Premier concerning Report 14 of the Public Administration Committee; and if yes, on what dates were these discussions held; and
- (i) has the Minister briefed Cabinet regarding Report 14 of the Public Administration Committee?

7305. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the media release by Western Power of 15 September 2011, which set out the utilities request for approval from the Economic Regulation Authority for the expenditure of \$8.523 billion over five years, commencing 1 July 2012, and I ask:

- (a) what increase in the household domestic tariff for electricity will be required to fund this expenditure; and
- (b) what increase in the small business tariff for electricity will be required to fund this expenditure?

7306. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to Western Power's network connection to Kalgoorlie, and I ask:

- (a) what is the average peak load for this connection;
- (b) is there currently spare capacity on the network's connection to Kalgoorlie;
- (c) if not, what plans does Western Power have to up-grade this connection capacity;
- (d) when is this up-grade expected to be completed;
- (e) what is the budget for this up-grade;
- (f) does this budget require Economic Regulation Authority approval, or has this already been obtained; and
- (g) what are the funding arrangements for this up-grade project?

7307. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the media release by Western Power of 15 September 2011, which states that the network is effectively reaching the end of its useful and safe life, and I ask:

- (a) does the Minister for Energy agree that the Western Power network has reached the end of its safe life;
- (b) if the Minister does agree with this statement, can the Minister outline the reasons for his statement to the Legislative Council on 10 November 2011 that maintenance issues with the Western Power network are down to a virtually negligible amount currently; and
- (c) what is the current level of maintenance required for each of the following asset categories in the Western Power network:
  - (i) wooden power poles;
  - (ii) metal and concrete power poles;
  - (iii) high-voltage transmissions lines;
  - (iv) step-down transformers;
  - (v) sub-stations; and
  - (vi) other infrastructure?

7308. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer the statement released by the Economic Regulation Authority on 9 December 2011 that indicated the Authority was not satisfied with the effectiveness of Western Power's distribution wood pole management, specifically with Western Power's recordkeeping in relation to wooden poles in the network, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister for Energy satisfied with Western Power's recordkeeping in relation to the inspection of wooden poles;
- (b) can the Minister please detail the dates of every meeting since 9 December 2011 with the Board or management of Western Power, or any director of Western Power, where the Minister discussed the findings of the Economic Regulation Authority regarding Western Power's recordkeeping in relation to the inspection of wooden poles;
- (c) can the Minister please detail the dates of any correspondence since 9 December 2011 from the Minister to Western Power concerning Western Power's recordkeeping in relation to the inspection of wooden poles;
- (d) can the Minister please detail the dates of any correspondence since 9 December 2011 from the Western Power to the Minister concerning Western Power's recordkeeping in relation to the inspection of wooden poles;
- (e) Has the Minister held any discussions with the Premier concerning the findings of the Economic Regulation Authority, since 9 December 2011, regarding Western Power's recordkeeping in relation to the inspection of wooden poles?
- (f) Has the Minister briefed Cabinet regarding the findings of the Economic Regulation Authority, since 9 December 2011, regarding Western Power's recordkeeping in relation to the inspection of wooden poles?

7309. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education

- (1) Does the State Government have a policy position that supports initiatives that link or partner schools across the globe or Commonwealth?

- (2) Is the Minister aware that international experience indicates that such partnerships aim at providing a vital opportunity for young people to understand the global (and Commonwealth) context in which they live and in which they will ultimately work?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that international experience of these school partnerships, backed up by research, indicates that they provide opportunities for teacher professional development and joint curriculum work for students in different countries around a whole range of global issues, ultimately contributing to the ambition for global peace, prosperity and justice?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the Commonwealth is setting out on a new initiative called Connecting Cultures into which agenda such school partnerships fit neatly?
- (5) Does the Department for Education have any educationalists engaged in supporting such school partnerships, and if yes, what are the contact details for the relevant office or officer?

7310. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing

Regarding the sale of New Living Houses in South Hedland, I ask:

- (a) what are the arrangements for the sale of New Living properties in South Hedland;
- (b) are the properties being sold through a selected real estate agent, and if so, through what process was that real estate agent selected;
- (c) have any New Living properties been sold through a real estate agent other than that selected;
- (d) is the agent handling the sale of Government houses in South Hedland be permitted to sell the property directly to parties and principals in the real estate agency; and
- (e) will the Minister take such steps as are necessary to ensure that all real estate agents selling Government property, as part of the New Living program, are in fact selling the properties on the open market and have not been involved in selling properties directly to parties associated with the real estate agency, and if not, why not?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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