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**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

**6477. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write “1. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that Council members have an understanding of and observe their respective roles, such that the Town’s employees rather than Council members undertake administrative and operational functions. In particular b) at a meeting held on 9 April 2020, Council passed a motion authorising Councillor Timmermanis, on behalf of the Council, to “assist the CEO in relation to the Employee Arrangements in response to COVID-19”, including but not limited to: i. attending all meetings with unions and staff unable to be redeployed; and ii. attending all meetings of the COVID taskforce;”, and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (1)(b)(i) above; and
  - (ii) (1)(b)(ii) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (1)(b)(i) above; and
  - (ii) (1)(b)(ii) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6478. Mr S.K. L’Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write “1. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that Council members have an understanding of and observe their respective roles, such that the Town’s employees rather than Council members undertake administrative and operational functions. In particular a) At meetings held on 7 February 2018, 15 May 2018, 28 August 2018 and 9 April 2020, Council: i. passed motions appointing specific lawyers or law firms to act for or provide advice to the Town ii. did not observe any procurement processes or purchasing policy when engaging legal services; and iii. authorised the Mayor to provide instructions directly to Lawyers;”, and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (1)(a)(i) above;
  - (ii) (1)(a)(ii) above; and
  - (iii) (1)(a)(iii) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (1)(a)(i) above;
  - (ii) (1)(a)(ii) above; and
  - (iii) (1)(a)(iii) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and

- (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6479. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write "2. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the working environment and relationship between Council, the CEO and the employees of the Town enables the CEO and employees to carry out their functions without inappropriate involvement or interference by councillors. In particular: a) employees of the Town have reported that the volume of requests for information from Council members to the Town's employees has impeded the capacity of those employees to properly perform their functions;"; and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (2)(a) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (2)(a) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6480. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write "2. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the working environment and relationship between Council, the CEO and the employees of the Town enables the CEO and employees to carry out their functions without inappropriate involvement or interference by Councillors. In particular b) employees of the Town have reported that pressure has been placed on employees not to discuss potential or current applications for planning approval with proponents;"; and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (2)(b) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (2)(b) above;

- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6481. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write "3. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the workplace culture at the Town is free from intimidation of employees and undue pressure on employees. In particular a) Employees of the Town have reported criticism and belittling of employees by the Mayor;", and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(a) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(a) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6482. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write "2. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the working environment and relationship between Council, the CEO and the employees of the Town enables the CEO and employees to carry out their functions without inappropriate involvement or interference by councillors. In particular c) employees of the Town have reported that they are not able to properly perform their functions and provide professional advice in relation to the assessment of planning applications because of interference by the Mayor.", and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:

- (i) (2)(c) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (2)(c) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6483. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write "3. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the workplace culture at the Town is free from intimidation of employees and undue pressure on employees. In particular b) The conduct of the Mayor towards the Town's employees led to the CEO telling the Mayor that if her conduct continued, he would report it to WorkSafe;", and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(b) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(b) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6484. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write "3. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the workplace culture at the Town is free from intimidation of employees and undue pressure on employees. In particular c) directors and managers of the Town have reported that the CEO told them that if they provided information to the

inquiry authorised by the CEO of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries under Division 1 of Part 8 of the Act ‘for the wrong reasons’ then these people may ‘suffer the consequences’;”, and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(c) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(c) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the CEO and the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the CEO, the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6485. Mr S.K. L’Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write “3. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the workplace culture at the Town is free from intimidation of employees and undue pressure on employees. In particular e) Employees of the Town have reported a perception that their employment will be jeopardised if they make mistakes, provide advice to the Council which does not accord with the views of Council members, or make decisions that Council members disagree with.”, and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(e) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(e) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?



**6486. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, in which you write "3. I suspect that the Council has failed to ensure that the workplace culture at the Town is free from intimidation of employees and undue pressure on employees. In particular d) the working environment at the Town has negatively affected the Town's ability to recruit employees, including employees to fill senior executive positions and backfill positions when employees are on leave or acting opportunities are available;", and I ask:

- (a) Without disclosing the author of any evidence you received, how many witnesses provided evidence to you, and on what date(s), in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(d) above;
- (b) Was any evidence received which was provided on behalf of an organisation(s)? If yes, what organisation and on what dates(s) in relation to:
  - (i) (3)(d) above;
- (c) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you notify the Town of Cambridge Council that you had received this evidence, and if yes, when did you notify them;
- (d) Prior to issuing the Show Cause Notice on 26 May 2020, did you provide an opportunity for the Mayor and/or Councillors of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received:
  - (i) If yes, who did you receive responses from and on what date(s); and
  - (ii) If you are unable to provide names for (i) above, how many Councillors did you receive a response from which directly related to the evidence you received; and
- (e) If no to (d), how was procedural fairness provided to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cambridge to respond to the evidence you received?

**6487. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 6287 in which he advised that the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries does not record specific costs for individual inquiries, and I ask:

- (a) Can the Minister explain this answer given s8.15A of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that a local government may have to meet inquiry costs which would make it a necessity for the Department to keep a record of the resources spent on any inquiry?

**6488. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Department of Local Government's Authorised Inquiry into the Town of Cambridge, and I ask:

- (a) When will the Minister table the report of the Inquiry?

**6489. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Department of Local Government's Authorised Inquiry into the Town of Cambridge, and I ask:

- (a) As at 13 October 2020, how much has the Inquiry cost; and
- (b) Will the Minister seek to recover the cost of the Inquiry from the Town?

**6490. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the injunction in the Supreme Court issued by the Town of Cambridge Council against the Minister's Show Cause Notice of suspension, and I ask:

- (a) What was the total cost to the government of the Supreme Court action between the government and the Town of Cambridge; and
- (b) Will the government repay the Town of Cambridge for the costs the Town incurred through the Supreme Court action:
  - (i) If yes to (b), how much will the Town of Cambridge be repaid; and
  - (ii) If no to (b), why not?

**6491. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Minister's comments that he maintains his "concerns in regard to the Town of Cambridge," and I ask:

- (a) How does the Minister justify his comments given the Supreme Court Justice's comment that the Minister's "substantive concerns arise out of the alleged conduct of the Mayor and Mr Giorgi, with no identified connection to any failure by the Council in its capacity as the governing body of the Town";
- (b) What are the Minister's concerns for the community and employees of the Town of Cambridge; and
- (c) Is the Minister willing to meet with the Town's Mayor and Councillors to discuss his concerns with them?

**6492. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Show Cause Notice delivered to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020 and I ask:

- (a) Has the Minister and his Department received emails and correspondence from ratepayers and staff regarding the council since 26 May 2020:
  - (i) If yes to (a), how many emails and correspondence were in support of the Council and/or council members;
  - (ii) If yes to (a), how many emails and correspondence complained about the council and/or council members; and
  - (iii) If yes to (a), how many complaints were received from different persons?

**6493. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the report of the Authorised Inquiry into the Town of Cambridge being prepared by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, and I ask:

- (a) Who is preparing the Authorised Inquiry report;
- (b) Is the person preparing the report the same officer who recommended the issuance of the Show Cause Notice; and
- (c) If yes to (b), will the Minister be seeking an independent review of the preparation of the report:
  - (i) If no to (c), why not?

**6494. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Transport; Planning:**

I refer to the design and functionality for the new Bayswater Train Station, and ask:

- (a) Once completed, will there be a direct train from Ellenbrook to Perth or will passengers be required to change trains at Bayswater Station;
- (b) Is there capacity on the Midland line at present to accommodate trains from Midland, Ellenbrook and the airport on the two tracks between Bayswater and Perth:
  - (i) Will these trains be required to travel along the Fremantle line before they are turned back; and
  - (ii) If not, how will the extra capacity on these lines be managed;
- (c) Will any changes be made to the Fremantle line to accommodate the increased traffic on the track:
  - (i) If yes, what changes will be made and how much will they cost; and
  - (ii) If no, how will this increased traffic be managed;
- (d) Will there be any compromise to the existing Midland and Fremantle services as a result of this increased level of traffic on the lines:
  - (i) If yes, what are they and how many services will be affected on each line; and
- (e) Has a final operational plan for Bayswater Train Station been completed:
  - (i) If not, when will it be completed?

**6495. Ms L. Mettam to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health:**

- (1) How many suicide deaths were confirmed in the South-West health region by a Western Australian coroner in:
  - (a) 2017;
  - (b) 2018;
  - (c) 2019; and
  - (d) 2020 to date?
- (2) Of the suicide deaths recorded how many were:
  - (a) Male;
  - (b) Female;
  - (c) aged less than 18 years of age;
  - (d) 18 to 25 years of age;
  - (e) 26 to 35 years of age;
  - (f) 36 to 45 years of age;
  - (g) 46 to 55 years of age;
  - (h) 56 to 65 years of age; and
  - (i) 66 years or older?

**6496. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the conclusion by Supreme Court Justice Tottle in *Town of Cambridge v The Hon David Templeman* that the “immediate suspension of the Council is so disproportionate to the limited nature of the Council’s suspected failure that it is not a form of intervention that a Minister acting reasonably would order,” and I ask:

- (a) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure that all future actions taken with regard to the Town of Cambridge will be both reasonable and proportionate?

**6497. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the Minister's comments that he "acted on the best departmental and legal advice that was available" to him when delivering the Show Cause Notice to the Town of Cambridge on 26 May 2020, and I ask:

- (a) Will the Minister be taking action against the Departmental officers who recommended a show cause notice;
- (b) What steps will the Minister take to ensure other local governments are adequately protected from the use of this power; and
- (c) Would the Minister support an independent investigation by the Ombudsman into the Department's handling of the Show Cause Notice and continuing Authorised Inquiry into the Town of Cambridge?

**6498. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the Water Corporation, for the years 2016 - 2020, and ask:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown, by year, of the total number of workforce employees; and
- (b) Please provide a breakdown, by year, of the total number of full-time equivalents?

**6499. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the Water Corporation, and ask:

- (a) Has there been an increase in full-time equivalent staff for the 5 years from 2016 to 2020; and
- (b) If so:
  - (i) What has been the increase each year;
  - (ii) What has been the increase in each salary level; and
  - (iii) What has been the increase in each department and/or functional service area?

**6500. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the Water Corporation, and ask:

- (a) Has there been an increase in full-time equivalent staff from 2019 to 2020; and
- (b) If so:
  - (i) What was employee benefits expense for each year; and
  - (ii) Please provide a breakdown and explanation of the change in the employee benefits expense?

**6501. Dr D.J. Honey to the Treasurer:**

I refer to table 1.1 Appendix 1 of Budget Paper No. 3, being the Operating Statement for the General Government sector, which shows Salaries cost of \$12.887 billion in 2019-20 being \$292 million higher than the estimated result published in the 2019-20 March Quarterly report of \$12.595 billion with the Salaries cost for the June quarter expected to be \$3.096 billion, yet the final result was \$3.388 billion for the quarter, and ask:

- (a) Can the Treasurer please provide a breakdown and explanation for the \$292 million increase in Salaries cost?

**6502. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the Water Corporation, and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister please provide a breakdown of the capital expense by major project for the 5 years from 2016 to 2020 and for the Forward Estimates?

**6503. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Industrial Relations:**

I refer to the workplace accident at Curtin University on 13 October 2020, and ask:

- (a) In the past 12 months how many safety complaints did WorkSafe receive about Curtin University;
- (b) If yes to (a) what were the dates they were received;
- (c) What action did WorkSafe take regarding each complaint;
- (d) How many inspections has WorkSafe conducted at the site in the past 12 months; and
- (e) What action did WorkSafe take in each case?

**6504. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:**

I refer to the introduction of new mobile phone penalties on 1 September 2020, and ask:

- (a) How many mobile fines were issued in September; and
- (b) How many mobile fines were issued in October?

**6505. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Tourism:**

I refer to the State Government's Tourism Survival Grant Program, and I ask:

- (a) Could the Minister please provide a detailed list of the names of the businesses who were successful recipients of this grant;
- (b) What was the corresponding value of each grant that was awarded to each business listed in the response to (a);
- (c) How many grant applications were received;
- (d) How many grant applications were successful;
- (e) How many grant applications were rejected;
- (f) If some grant applications were rejected, what was the reason why each of these applications were rejected;
- (g) What was the amount of funding originally allocated to this program, prior to the commencement of the grant assessments;
- (h) Was the full funding provided for this package;
- (i) If no to (h), why not; and
- (j) How much funding of the Tourism Survival Grant Program is remaining?

**6506. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Transport; Planning:**

I refer to the Smart Freeways Mitchell Freeway Corridor project, and ask:

- (a) Will Ocean Reef Road, Whitfords Avenue and Hepburn Avenue be one of the 16 freeway ramps receiving a co-ordinated ramp signal; and
- (b) When is it anticipated that work will commence on the Smart Freeways Mitchell Freeway Corridor project?

**6507. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the new pipeline to connect Denmark, via Albany, to the Lower Great Southern Town Water Supply, announced by the Minister in September 2019 as costing \$32 million for 60km of pipeline which has now been revised by the Water Corporation to being a project costing \$25 million for 43km of pipeline, and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister please provide any other breakdown in the cost reduction other than due to the reduced length of pipeline;

- (b) Will this project connect to the two Denmark town dams;
- (c) What is the current level of water restrictions being imposed on Denmark;
- (d) When will the water restrictions on Denmark be removed;
- (e) When is it expected that the Albany Town Water Supply (currently mostly from the underground reservoir) will need to be expanded to accommodate the extra supply to the Town of Denmark; and
- (f) Is this expansion expected to require a desalination plant and if so, what is the estimated costing?

**6508. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

I refer to page 564 of the 2020-21 Budget Paper 2, Volume 2, that has allocated \$20m in funding for Kiernan Park Recreation Precinct and I ask:

- (a) Could the Minister please provide a detailed list of the specific facilities and services the \$20m funding will be allocated towards;
- (b) What is the corresponding estimated cost of each facility or service listed in (a);
- (c) Was there a business case presented to the relevant State Government department for this project;
- (d) If yes to (c), how was the business case assessed, and by whom;
- (e) Was there a process involved for approving the funding of this project;
- (f) If yes to (e), what was involved in this process; and
- (g) Could the Minister confirm any relevant dates in the process for allocating funding to this project and could the Minister please include the dates when:
  - (i) The funding application was made;
  - (ii) The business case was submitted;
  - (iii) The business case was assessed; and
  - (iv) The funding application was approved?

**6509. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to page 15 of the 2020 Water Corporation Annual Report, which shows a 2019-20 interim dividend of \$613 million compared to page 222 of the same report, which shows a proposed final dividend of \$642 million, and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister please provide an explanation for this increase; and
- (b) Provide the accounting and/or dividend reporting standards by which this proposed, and therefore accrued dividend of \$642 million, is not being declared in the 2019-20 financial statements?

**6510. Dr D.J. Honey to the Treasurer:**

Will the \$600 power credit per household from the WA Inc Bell Group Settlement be used to recoup any overdue and/or outstanding debts:

- (a) If so:
  - (i) What is the estimated total amount and number of household to be recouped; and
  - (ii) What is the breakdown by suburb of the amount and number of household accounts that is to be recouped?

**6511. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Energy:**

Will the \$600 power credit per household from the WA Inc Bell Group Settlement be used to recoup any overdue and/or outstanding debts:

- (a) If so:
  - (i) What is the estimated total amount and number of household to be recouped; and
  - (ii) What is the breakdown by suburb of the amount and number of household accounts that is to be recouped?

**6512. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the length of pipeline from Dumbleyung to Lake Grace and when this pipeline is due for replacement?
- (2) Can the Minister please provide an annual breakdown for the 5 year period from 2016 to 2020 for the following:
  - (a) The number of times this pipeline been patched and/or repaired; and
  - (b) The cost of these patches and/or repairs?

**6513. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to Water Corporation pipelines, and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister please provide an annual breakdown for the 5 year period from 2016 to 2020, for the following:
  - (i) Leakage from Water Corporation pipelines in the South West Integrated System; and
  - (ii) The cost for attending to and repairing these leakages?

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