

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 142

Thursday, 7 June 2007

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4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4469. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4519. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4520. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4521. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4574. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4575. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4695. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 9 2007*)

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4706. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier (*SO 138(d) response - May 30 2007*)

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4712. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 31 2007*)

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4756. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - June 6 2007*)

4758. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - June 6 2007*)

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4764. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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4926. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
4927. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
4928. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
4929. Hon Barbara Scott to the Minister for Child Protection
4930. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
4931. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
4932. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development

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4933. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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4934. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
4935. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
4936. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
4937. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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- 4938. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Climate Change
- 4939. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4940. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4941. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 4942. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 4943. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General

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4944. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
Further to the 2007-2008 budget papers, I ask -

- (1) What is the total funding in 2007/2008 to the Mentally Healthy Western Australia Health Promotion Program?
- (2) What State funding is allocated to research in mental disorders or promotion of mental health wellbeing?

4945. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the Government's Innovation Commercialisation Assistance Schemes as referred to in question No. 622 on 24 August 2006, and I ask -

- (1) Which of these schemes are designed to assist small or new companies in commercialising their innovations?
- (2) How does each of these schemes assist these companies?
- (3) How many companies have been assisted by each of these schemes over the last 12 months?
- (4) How much financial assistance has been provided to these companies over the last 12 months?
- (5) Which companies have been assisted by these schemes?

4946. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Innovation

I refer to the Government's Innovation Commercialisation Assistance Schemes as referred to in question No. 622 on 24 August 2006, and I ask -

- (1) Which of these schemes are designed to assist small or new companies in commercialising their innovations?
- (2) How does each of these schemes assist these companies?
- (3) How many companies have been assisted by each of these schemes over the last 12 months?
- (4) How much financial assistance has been provided to these companies over the last 12 months?
- (5) Which companies have been assisted by these schemes?

4947. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science

I refer to the Government's Innovation Commercialisation Assistance Schemes as referred to in question No. 622 on 24 August 2006, and I ask -

- (1) Which of these schemes are designed to assist small or new companies in commercialising their innovations?

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- (2) How does each of these schemes assist these companies?
- (3) How many companies have been assisted by each of these schemes over the last 12 months?
- (4) How much financial assistance has been provided to these companies over the last 12 months?
- (5) Which companies have been assisted by these schemes?

4948. Hon Barbara Scott to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Will the Caralee Language Development Centre continue to provide special programs to children from K-3?
- (2) If yes to (1), how long will this continue?
- (3) What are the names and locations of the other four language centres in the metropolitan area, and will the programs offered at these centres be reduced from K-3 to K-1?
- (4) If yes to (3), when will this occur?
- (5) Is it intended that mainstream classroom teachers will be given assistance to deliver special language programs in mainstream classes, and that there will be a reduction of special language classes available to students with special needs?

4949. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

By withdrawing the responsibility of driving assessment services from Western Australian Police, the Government has acknowledged that police officers are not trained to assess driver competence. Similarly can the Minister advise to what extent police officers have the capacity to legally assess the roadworthiness of motor vehicles, given they do not receive any specific training in this area?

4950. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to question on notice Nos.' 4693 and 4694, dated 22 March 2007, and I ask -

- (1) Has the information relating to 'what depth in metres below the surface was groundwater encountered/intersected, when the bores PBF127 through to PBF137 were constructed', now been provided to the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), when will the Minister provide that information?

4951. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Government Enterprises

Regarding compensation claims from the Bridgetown bushfire on Boxing Day 2003 and referring to an article in *The West Australian* on 7 March 2007, 'Long Fight for Compo after Big Bushfire', I ask -

- (1) How many compensation claims have been settled?

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- (2) Is the Minister satisfied that they have been settled fairly?
- (3) How many compensation claims are still outstanding?
- (4) How many affected land owners are yet to lodge a claim?
- (5) Who is the insurer of Western Power?
- (6) What arrangement exists between this insurer and Risk Cover with regard to liability and compensation for the fire?
- (7) What role did loss adjuster Ron Norris have at his appointment in 2004?
- (8) Has his role changed since then?
- (9) If yes to (8), why was his role changed?
- (10) Will the Minister please explain why Ron Norris has been instructed to no longer deal with at least one claimant?
- (11) Is the Minister satisfied with the implementation of the Government's promise, made by Conservation and Land Management's (CALM) Executive Director, on 4 February 2004 and after, that CALM had set up a 'one stop shop so that affected land owners could have their claims dealt with efficiently and quickly?'
- (12) In light of the time elapsed since the bushfire, the emotional stress suffered by fire victims and the 2004 Government promise, will the Minister ensure a review of all outstanding claims with a brief to avoid court proceedings?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council