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2911. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development

2912. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern

2913. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government; Racing and Gaming; Multicultural Interests and Citizenship; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure; Goldfields-Esperance; Youth

2914. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation

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2923. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Peel

2924. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering

2925. Mr J.J.M. Bowler to the Minister for Energy

2926. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Public Sector Management

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2927. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

2928. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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2930. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Energy

2931. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

2932. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Employment Protection

2933. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Community Safety  
2934. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
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2944. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Employment Protection

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

2945. Mr G. Snook to the Minister for Education and Training

Further to Question Without Notice No. 708, asked on 20 November 2007, regarding the anticipated teacher shortage for the start of the 2008 school year, I ask:

- (a) has the Minister received advice as to the anticipated teacher shortage number for the start of the school year 2008; and
  - (i) if not, why not;
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the anticipated shortage in teacher placements for the commencement of the 2008 school year; and
- (c) will the anticipated shortage result in an increase in student numbers for any classes in any schools?

2946. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Public Sector Management

With regard to the September 2007 recommendation tabled in the Legislative Council by the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs and to advice of 6 November 2007 from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in relation to Neil Winzer's eligibility for a voluntary severance payment, I ask:

- (a) is the Premier aware of information received by former Premier, the Hon. Dr Geoff Gallop, in May 2002 that Mr Winzer had been advised that he was eligible for a voluntary severance payment by a senior Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) officer against whom Mr Winzer had made claims of criminal activity to the Western Australian Police Service;
- (b) is the Premier aware that the Western Australian Police Service in July 2002 recommended an investigation of official corruption within the DPI;

- (c) is the Premier aware of a request made on 8 January 2003 for the former Premier, the Hon. Dr Geoff Gallop, to urge the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to agree to meet Mr Winzer to discuss developments with the public interest claim and the termination of his employment;
- (d) is the Premier aware of information received by former Premier, the Hon. Dr Geoff Gallop, in March 2003 as to Mr Winzer's request of the then Director General of DPI for a meeting to discuss his severance from the public service;
- (e) is the Premier aware of information received by former Premier, the Hon Dr. Geoff Gallop, in April 2003 as to the postponement of the meeting between Mr Winzer and the then Director General of DPI at which Mr Winzer's redundancy was to be discussed; and
- (f) is the Premier aware that the specific documents Mr Winzer requested be tabled at the meeting scheduled between him and the then Director General of DPI are the same documents that are the subject of the investigation recommended in the Parliamentary Inspector's report of 29 December 2006 to the Corruption and Crime Commission?

2947. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many health consultants were employed on the Fiona Stanley Hospital as at 1 November 2007;
- (b) how much have they been paid so far; and
- (c) what percentage does this payment represent of the total contract?

2948. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise how many multi-day beds were available as at 1 October 2007 in the following hospitals:

- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
- (c) Fremantle Hospital;
- (d) Armadale Hospital;
- (e) Joondalup Health Campus;
- (f) Rockingham Hospital;
- (g) Swan District Hospital;
- (h) Peel Health Campus; and
- (i) Princess Margaret Hospital?

2949. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many school dental health clinics are in Bunbury (list the name and location of these clinics);
- (b) how many students per annum do these clinics service;
- (c) how many school dental health clinics are in the South West region (list the name and location of these clinics);

- (d) how many students per annum do these clinics service;
- (e) how many school dental health clinics in the Bunbury area are suffering from staff shortages;
- (f) how many school dental health clinics in the South West region are suffering from staff shortages;
- (g) have any school dental health clinics been forced to close due to staff shortages in:
  - (i) Bunbury; and
  - (ii) the South West;
- (h) are any school dental health clinics at risk of closing within the next twelve months due to staff shortages in:
  - (i) Bunbury; and
  - (ii) the South West;
  - (iii) are any school dental health clinics at risk of closing within the next twelve months for any reason in:
    - (iv) Bunbury; and
    - (v) the South West;
- (i) have any school dental health clinics been forced to reduce their services over the past twelve months due to staff shortages in:
  - (i) Bunbury; and
  - (ii) the South West; and
- (j) will any school dental health clinics be forced to reduce their services within the next twelve months due to staff shortages in:
  - (i) Bunbury; and
  - (ii) the South West?

2950. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the current employee-patient ratio in school dental health clinics in:
  - (a) Western Australia;
  - (b) Bunbury; and
  - (c) the South West?
- (2) What was the employee-patient ratio in school dental health clinics for the financial years 2006, 2005, 2002, 2000 and 1997 in:
  - (a) Western Australia;
  - (b) Bunbury; and
  - (c) the South West?
- (3) What was the employee-patient ratio for the Adam Road Primary School Dental Health Clinic for the financial years 2006, 2005, 2002, 2000 and 1997?

2951. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Energy

What percentage of electricity was sold in a contestable market in Western Australia in 2006?

2952. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Energy

- (1) The dissection of Western Power into four separate entities, generation, retail, networks and regional was to provide for the improvement of all services to the consumer. Synergy, the retail arm, is as important to the provision of such services as any of the other three. I therefore ask the Minister the following:
  - (a) what is the average time taken by Synergy to attend to any customer complaint received by:
    - (i) telephone;
    - (ii) facsimile;
    - (iii) email/Internet; and
    - (iv) postal correspondence;
  - (b) what is the average time taken by Synergy to answer any customer complaint received by:
    - (i) telephone;
    - (ii) facsimile;
    - (iii) email/Internet; and
    - (iv) postal correspondence;
  - (c) what is the average time taken by Synergy to rectify any customer complaint received by:
    - (i) telephone;
    - (ii) facsimile;
    - (iii) email/Internet; and
    - (iv) postal correspondence;
  - (d) what is the number of all customer complaints received by Synergy from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 by:
    - (i) telephone;
    - (ii) facsimile;
    - (iii) email/Internet; and
    - (iv) postal correspondence; and
  - (e) what is the number of all customer complaints rectified to the customer's satisfaction between 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 by:
    - (i) telephone;
    - (ii) facsimile;
    - (iii) email/Internet; and
    - (iv) postal correspondence?
- (2) Improved customer service was a nominated essential requirement to result from the dissection of the Western Power single energy utility into four separate entities. My electorate of Avon is inundated by constituent complaints regarding the performance of Synergy and others. I therefore ask the Minister what are these customer service benefits?



2953. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

Two years ago I wrote to the Minister on behalf of a constituent who had advised me that there was a 12–18 month waiting list to access the Pain Relief Clinic at Fremantle Hospital. At the time, the Minister confirmed that was correct because there was only one pain specialist available. The Minister also advised that a review of the outpatient clinic operations and procedures was being undertaken with the aim of reducing waiting times and improving patient access. As constituents are advising me that they are still experiencing 12–18 month delays, can the Minister advise:

- (a) who undertook that review;
- (b) when was it completed;
- (c) what was the outcome;
- (d) is a copy of the review available to the public; and
  - (i) if so, could I be issued with a copy;
- (e) what new procedures are in place to improve wait times at the Pain Relief Clinic at Fremantle Hospital following the review;
- (f) the name of each of the State-operated pain management clinics;
- (g) in relation to (f), which ones have individual pain management clinics;
- (h) what is the average current waiting time and how many patients are waiting for treatment at:
  - (i) the Pain Relief Clinic at Fremantle Hospital; and
  - (ii) each of the clinics at other hospitals or community health centres as per (f);
  - (iii) what individual pain management services are available for patients and how do they access them;
- (i) what group pain management services are available for patients and how do they access them;
- (j) what pain management services are available for patients who may have a poor command of English or may be experiencing the beginnings of dementia and cannot join in on group sessions; and
  - (i) what funding allocations were made to the Pain Relief Clinic at Fremantle Hospital and at the other clinics listed in (f) for the following financial years:
    - (ii) 2001–2002;
    - (iii) 2002–2003;
    - (iv) 2003–2004;
    - (v) 2004–2005;
    - (vi) 2005–2006;
    - (vii) 2006–2007; and
    - (viii) 2007–2008?

**PETER J. McHUGH**  
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