



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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## QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 15 February 2022**

- 489. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
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- 506. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth

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**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 17 February 2022**

- 536. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
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- 538. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training
- 539. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
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- 541. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 22 February 2022**

- 545. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
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- 548. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry

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549. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment
550. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
551. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
552. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning
553. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
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556. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training
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559. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
560. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services
561. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training
562. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services
563. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Climate Action
564. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
565. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
566. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment
567. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

**Notice Given** **Thursday, 24 February 2022**

568. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy

**Notice Given** **Tuesday, 15 March 2022**

569. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
570. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services
571. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services
572. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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- 573. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 574. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 575. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment
- 576. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment
- 577. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 578. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 579. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
- 580. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports
- 581. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 582. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment
- 583. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training
- 584. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 585. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports
- 586. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations
- 587. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
- 588. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 589. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 590. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 591. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 592. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer
- 593. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 594. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Education and Training

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595. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
596. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Tourism; Commerce; Science
597. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering
598. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry
599. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage
600. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs
601. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
602. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations
603. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports
604. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Racing and Gaming; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
605. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
606. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth
607. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health
608. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government
609. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services; Small Business; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing
610. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action
611. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
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- 613. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 614. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Industrial Relations
- 615. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 616. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment

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**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 16 March 2022**

**617. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's announcement of 10 February 2022 of a \$77 million Safe Transition Industry Support Package, and I ask:

- (a) from what date were the applications for access to the above support package accepted by Government;
- (b) until what date will applications for access to the above package be accepted by Government;
- (c) what department will oversee the application process of the Safe Transition Industry Support Package; and
- (d) what is the anticipated processing time from grant application to tangible financial delivery to applying businesses?

**618. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's announcement of 10 February 2022 of a \$77 million Safe Transition Industry Support Package, and I ask how much of the \$77 million has been paid out to Western Australian businesses to date?

**619. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's media statement of 2 March 2022 entitled "Level 2 COVID-19 Business Assistance Package", referencing a purported \$1.7 billion COVID-19 business support commitment by the McGowan Government, and I ask what is the number of businesses that have received funding from each package?

**620. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the comments of the Shire of Shark Bay President, Cheryl Cowell made on the ABC on 1 March 2022 regarding the scarcity of medical resources in the region and noting the answer to question 903 asked on 10 September 2020, and I ask:

- (a) when was the review into all 12 remote area nursing posts referred to in the answer completed;
- (b) is the review publicly available and will the Minister table it; and
- (c) have there been any significant changes to the medical resources available in the Shark Bay region since September 2020?

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**621. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Innovation and ICT:**

- (1) Can the Minister identify government programs intended to improve digital inclusion in the State?
- (2) What agency or Minister is responsible for the delivery of these programs?
- (3) What funding has been allocated to these programs?

**622. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) I refer to question without notice 141 asked on 15 March 2022 in relation to approval to visit Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) facilities, and I ask on what dates was DFES circular 13/2022 issued?
- (2) On what date was DFES circular 13/2022 rescinded?
- (3) Will the Minister please table a copy of circular 13/2022?
- (4) Did the Department of Fire and Emergency Services or the FES Commissioner advise the Minister to refuse the request of the Shadow Minister for Emergency Services to visit a Volunteer Marine Rescue Service unit on 2 March 2022 and, if so, on what grounds was that recommendation made?
- (5) Will the Minister please table any document or communication between the Minister, his office and the DFES in relation to the request to visit a DFES facility.?

**623. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) I refer to the Minister's visit to Esperance on 11 March 2022, and I ask will the Minister please table the Minister's diary schedule for the day including any briefing materials, notes or correspondence received relating to the travel.?
- (2) On what date was the Minister's travel to Esperance confirmed?
- (3) How did the Minister travel to Esperance?
- (4) Who accompanied the Minister in his travel to Esperance?
- (5) With respect to the event where the Minister and other Labor backbenchers participated in a handover of emergency service vehicles:
  - (a) when was this event first communicated to invitees;
  - (b) who arranged the event;
  - (c) who was invited to the event;
  - (d) who was the decision maker in relation to the events planning and invitation list; and

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- (e) on what date and time were the following local Members of Parliament invited to the event as is the custom and practice for such events:
- (i) Hon Shelley Payne MLC;
  - (ii) Hon Sandra Carr MLC;
  - (iii) Hon Darren West MLC;
  - (iv) Hon Martin Aldridge MLC;
  - (v) Hon Colin de Grussa MLC;
  - (vi) Hon Steve Martin MLC; and
  - (vii) Peter Rundle MLA?
- (6) Did the Minister notify local Members of Parliament of his travel to the Agricultural Region as is the custom and practice for such official visits?
- (7) If yes to (6), will the Minister please provide the date and time of each notification?

**624. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) I refer to the Minister's media statement of 11 March 2022 entitled "World-class firefighting vehicles give Esperance brigades a new edge", and I ask will the Minister please provide the following with respect to each of the seven vehicles:
- (a) the type of each vehicle;
  - (b) the cost of each vehicle;
  - (c) the recipient brigade, group or unit of each vehicle;
  - (d) on what date was each vehicle first located in the Esperance region;
  - (e) on what date was the Minister's hand over event; and
  - (f) on what date was each vehicle available to the relevant brigade, group or unit for use or deployment?
- (2) With respect to the State Government's response to the coronial inquest into the 2015 Esperance bushfires which is mentioned in the statement, will the Minister please provide an update on the status of the Government's response to each of the inquest findings?



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**625. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) I refer to the daily release of COVID-19 statistics relating to testing positive cases, hospitalisations and deaths, and I ask, noting the daily report is for a period to 8pm the night prior, when is the report compiled and available for release?
- (2) Which agency compiles the report?
- (3) Who receives the report and at what time is the report typically received by the Minister?
- (4) Will the Minister please table the information that was provided to the Minister for Health on 16 March 2022 relating to the day prior, including any email or letter used to communicate the information?
- (5) Why has the Government abandoned the positive case heat map by Local Government area, noting this was published information in the early response to COVID-19?
- (6) If a person tests positive on a Rapid Antigen Test and reports this, then tests positive on a subsequent PCR test, how is it ensured that both positive results are not counted in the published data?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council