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QUESTIONS

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Thursday, 6 December 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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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*)

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5587. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - November 29 2007*)

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5643. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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5647. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

5648. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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5655. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

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5716. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Under what circumstances is it an offence for a motorist to remain in the right hand lane in a dual carriageway?
- (2) What Act and regulation apply?
- (3) What is the penalty?
- (4) How many motorists have been charged successfully with this offence in,
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006; and
 - (c) so far in 2007?
- (5) How many warnings have been handed out by Police for this offence in each of these periods?

5717. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Under what circumstances is lane splitting by motorcycles illegal?
- (2) Which Act and regulation apply?
- (3) What is the penalty?
- (4) How many motorcyclists have been charged successfully with this offence in,
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006; and
 - (c) so far in 2007?
- (5) How many warnings have been handed out by Police for this offence in each of these periods?

5718. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) When was the motorcycle advanced training facility in the metropolitan area, which was sponsored by Honda and run by the Police, closed?
- (2) Why did it close?

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- (3) How much did the State Government contribute financially to the operations of that facility annually while it was in operation?
- (4) What effort has been made to re-open an advanced motorcycle training facility since then?
5719. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety
- (1) How many officers of the Office of Road Safety use a motorcycle or scooter as their usual mode of transport and what is the total number of staff employed in this agency?
- (2) How many officers of the Office of Road Safety hold current Western Australian motorcycle riding licences?
5720. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety
- (1) Do wire rope barriers pose a serious risk to motorcycle riders?
- (2) Have other jurisdictions overseas banned wire rope barriers because they pose a serious risk to motorcyclists?
- (3) Will the Minister confirm that the use of wire rope barriers is under review?
- (4) If yes to (3), on what date was that review initiated?
- (5) Who is carrying out that review and what are their respective positions in which agencies?
- (6) When will the review be finished?
- (7) Will the review be released publicly in its entirety?
- (8) Will the Government ensure that wire rope barriers are not installed while that review is under way?
5721. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- (1) Did the Regional Forest Agreement find Chester forest block to have maximum flora species richness?
- (2) Have rare and/or priority flora been cited in Government vegetation mapping reports as occurring in Chester forest block?
- (3) If yes to (2), have conservation statements been prepared for these rare and/or priority flora, in accordance with the requirements of the Forest Management Plan 2004-2013 for the management of significant flora values (FMP p. 125)?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) What protective responses have been determined for the rare and/or priority flora in Chester forest block?
- (6) Has logging been excluded?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

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5722. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

With reference to Alcoa's expansion at Wagerup, I ask

- (1) Of the conditions the Government has set Alcoa for its expansion at Wagerup,
 - (a) which conditions have been addressed;
 - (b) which conditions have not yet been addressed;
 - (c) of those that have been addressed what has been the outcome for each condition; and
 - (d) of those that have not yet been addressed, when is it expected that each condition will be met?
- (2) Has approval for works to commence been given?
- (3) If yes to (2),
 - (a) to what stage has the expansion progressed; and
 - (b) what is the expected time-line for completion of the expansion?
- (4) If no to (3), when is approval expected to be given?

5723. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

I refer the Minister to the Twomey Taskforce, established in February 2007 to address long-term supply and demand issues in the education and training workforce in Western Australia, and ask -

- (1) When will Professor Twomey present his final submission to the Minister?
- (2) When will the final submission be available to the public?
- (3) What is the total cost of the Twomey Taskforce?

5724. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer the Minister to the proposed new prostitution laws, and ask -

- (1) Did the Police conduct any analysis on basis of experience of other states such as Victoria, of the potential of new prostitution laws to lead to an increase in drug and other crimes as well as possible expansion of organized crime in Western Australia, and the consequent impact on demand for police services?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Did the Police provide the Minister with a report or briefing on such analysis?
- (4) If no to (3), why didn't the Minister request such work be undertaken?
- (5) If such work was done, will the Minister table a copy of relevant briefing?
- (6) If no to (5), will the Minister outline the broad findings of such work?

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5725. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the answer given to question without notice No.1256 regarding the reliability of electricity supply in Chidlow, Gidgegannup, Stoneville, Mundaring and surrounding areas, and I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of continuing concerns raised by the community as to the number of power outages experienced and which residents expect will worsen over summer?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister seek to fast-track those upgrades to the network which, as outlined in question without notice No.1256, are expected to be completed by June 2008?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

5726. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Service Management

I refer to the Electorate Officers Conference held at the Mercure Hotel on Thursday of last week, and I ask -

- (1) Who authorised that it become a recruiting forum for the Community and Public Sector Union?
- (2) When did it become appropriate for a conference, funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, to develop into a recruiting drive for union members?

5727. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the question on notice No. 4969 27 June 2007 and the promised \$40 million upgrade of the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital - .

- (1) Will the Minister give an estimated end-date for the proposed \$40 million upgrade to the hospital?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a program of staged expenditure for the hospital upgrade, including approximate expenditures for each stage?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Is it correct that only \$2.8 million will be spent in the 2008 - 2009 year?
- (5) If yes to (1), what will this amount be specifically spent on at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital?
- (6) Can the Minister state what amount of money and the relevant 'subsequent years' the remaining \$37.2 million dollars will be spent at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?

5728. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the Nationwide Oil, Loongana Lime operations, dust issues and the possibility that the waste oil burning kilns which have a extensive history of impacting with unreasonable emissions on the health, welfare, amenity, convenience and comfort of residents living in the surrounding area -

- (1) In the event that a licence is reissued for the premises will the Minister ensure that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) imposes a licence condition, as imposed

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- by Dr Judy Edwards MLA in August 2004, that restricts the burning of waste oil when the wind is blowing from the north, north-east or east, so that residents living in the surrounding area do not continue to suffer from unreasonable emissions?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
 - (3) Can the Minister state what the DEC has done by way of regulatory enforcement at the Loongana Lime operations to ensure that lime dust and other dust emissions, from stockpiles and various equipment, do not cause pollution and create problems for the future?
 - (4) If no to (3), why not?
 - (5) Have residents expressed serious concerns to the DEC that, should the waste oil kilns be recommissioned at the Parkeston premises, the problems of unreasonable odours and dust will be ongoing?
 - (6) If yes to (5), what has the DEC done to ensure the protection of residents from unreasonable odour emissions and to prevent dust from the premises creating problems?
 - (7) Is it correct that an Environmental Field Notice was issued to Nationwide Oil at the Loongana Lime premises for a breach of section 49 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* on the 29 January 2007?
 - (8) If yes to (7), can the Minister quote the full text of the reasons given and what the company was required to do as stated in the Environmental Field Notice?
 - (9) Can the Minister state how many environmental field notices have been issued to Loongana Lime, Nationwide Oil in the last 24 months, and the specific reasons why they were issued?
 - (10) If no to (9), why not?
 - (11) Will the Minister table copies of all the Environmental Field Notices issued to Loongana Lime, Nationwide Oil in the last 24 months?
 - (12) If no to (11) why not?

5729. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

With reference to the Director General for Health, Dr Neale Fong, as at 13 November 2007 please detail -

- (a) base salary excluding superannuation;
- (b) base salary including superannuation;
- (c) details of any salary add-ons, for example, clothing allowance;
- (d) whether a car is provided (make, model, year);
- (e) whether a credit card is provided (please state the credit limit);
- (f) whether communications devices are provided (please detail); and
- (g) whether IT equipment is provided (please detail for home and work)?

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5730. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

For the following Departments,

- (a) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (b) Office of the Auditor General;
- (c) Department of the Attorney General;
- (d) Department of Health; and
- (e) Western Australian Electoral Commission,

Please detail -

- (i) the number of female staff at Class 1 and above (for each Class please specify); and
- (ii) the percentage of female staff at Class 1 and above (for each Class please specify)?

5731. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the attack on a mental health nurse on 17 September 2007, while walking from her car to her East Perth office, and ask -

- (1) Please provide a description of specific strategies, policies and/or security measures that have been put in place at the East Perth Mental Health Facility and other mental health facilities, following the incident?
- (2) Where strategies, policies and/or security measures are still being put in place, could you please provide details as to what these measures are and when these measures are expected to be in place?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council