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1202. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the decision by the Acting Minister for Environment, to dismiss appeals against the proposed subdivision of lots 1010 and 1022, Campersic Road in Brigadoon. The Environmental Protection Authority appeals committee noted that this subdivision was likely to have a negative impact on the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, due to loss of foraging habitat and that this impact could be significant. In his decision, the Acting Minister noted that the proposed revegetation activities by the developer would provide foraging species for the Carnaby's Cockatoos, offsetting the loss in the development area. I ask -

- (1) Did the developer provide evidence that it has successfully revegetated similar areas to provide functional Carnaby's Cockatoo habitat in the past?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any revegetation projects in the Darling Scarp to rehabilitate Carnaby's Cockatoo habitat?
- (3) If yes to (2), have these projects led to an increase of cockatoo numbers to pre-clearing levels?
- (4) If no to (3), how can the Minister be confident that the proposed revegetation activities will mitigate/offset the proposed clearing?
- (5) What is the likely rate of seedling survival in the revegetation proposed by the developer?
- (6) Given the clearing required for bushfire management and the ongoing need to maintain fuel in uncleared areas at half the existing level, does the Minister think it is likely that every landowner will be able to take advantage of the 1000 free seedlings the developers are offering as part of their revegetation strategy?
- (7) Can the Minister advise how long it is expected to take until the seedlings used in the revegetation activities will reach a point where they will be useful as foraging trees for the Carnabys Cockatoos?
- (8) Will the Department of Environment and Conservation monitor the area to assess the progress of revegetation activities?

1203. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport

I refer to an article in the *West Australian* newspaper on 11 July 2009, reporting an almost 19 percent increase in 'violent incidents' on the metropolitan train network during 1 January to 21 May 2009, compared to the same period last year, and ask -

- (1) What is meant by a 'violent incident'?
- (2) Would the Minister please provide year to date numbers of 'violent incidents' for each of the metropolitan train lines, reported by, -
 - (a) incidents occurring on the trains; and

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- (b) incidents occurring at the stations and immediate surrounds such as the train station car parks?
 - (3) How many of these incidents were attended by transit guards while they were occurring (please provide details for each train line)?
 - (4) Were any of these violent incidents reported to the police?
 - (5) If yes to (4), how many?
 - (6) How many of these incidents resulted in charges being laid by police?
1204. Hon Helen Bullock to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- (1) How many remote indigenous communities are eligible for State funding for upgrades to housing and how many will receive upgrades?
 - (2) Over what time frame will these upgrades be implemented, and at what cost?
 - (3) Which remote communities will miss out on the upgrades?
 - (4) Who determines which communities will go without?
1205. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- The lessee of Jandakot Airport, Ascot Capital Limited, a development company with no background in aviation, has recently released for public comment its revised Master Plan for the development of Jandakot Airport, and I ask -
- (1) Is the Minister aware that zone five (40ha), a proposed site for the development of Mixed Business, and a portion of the proposed new fourth runway, are located almost entirely within a Priority one Resource Zone of the Jandakot Underground Water Pollution Control Area, and that this Groundwater Mound provides Perth with approximately 2.8 percent of the total Perth water supply?
 - (2) That risks of contamination associated with both the development of the Mixed Business site and the construction of the fourth runway do exist is clearly stated in the Master Plan. With declining rainfall and water one of Western Australia's most vital resources that we need to preserve, can the Minister provide assurance that this important Public Drinking Water Source will be protected from any potential contamination, and how?
 - (3) Constituents who have contacted us are of the view that the company has little regard for the impacts proposed developments will have on surrounding communities. Is the Minister aware that residents in the cities of Cockburn, Melville and Canning already report being subjected to excessive levels of aviation noise?
 - (4) The Master Plan includes a proposal to extend two existing runways and construct a new fourth runway. Can the Minister confirm who is responsible for noise amelioration in the affected areas and action will be taken to address noise pollution in the vicinity?

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1206. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many children were under the care of the Department of Child Protection (DCP) during the month of August 2009 by district?
- (2) How many of these were placed in non-Government group facilities?
- (3) How many in placements with DCP foster carers, by relative and non relative carer?
- (4) How many in placements with non-Government organisation foster carers, by relative and non relative carers?
- (5) With reference to children under the care of the DCP, how many allegations of child abuse were reported in the month of August 2009?
- (6) What was the category breakdown of these allegations, -
 - (a) sexual;
 - (b) physical;
 - (c) emotional;
 - (d) psychological; and
 - (e) neglect?
- (7) How many foster carers were actively caring for children in Western Australia during the month of August 2009?

1207. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total funded full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2009, -
 - (a) what were the vacancies in the full time equivalent (FTE) terms by directorate and district;
 - (b) how many of those vacancies were subject to advertising at 31 August 2009 by district, and
 - (c) of those not subject to advertising as at 31 August 2009, why not?
- (3) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total service delivery full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (4) As at 31 August 2009, what were the total vacant service delivery positions by directorate and district?
- (5) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total full time equivalent (FTE) case worker allocation by directorate and district?
- (6) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total full time equivalent (FTE) vacant case worker positions?

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- (7) As at 31 August 2009, what was the full time equivalent (FTE) number of employees by directorate and district on permanent contract and on fixed term contract?

1208. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) As at 31 August 2009, what was the number of new Assessments of Concern for a Child recorded during that month by district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2009, what was the number of new Assessments of Concern for Child investigations recorded during the month?
- (3) As at 31 August 2009, what was the number of children in care for more than 20 days with no planning recorded?
- (4) As at 31 August 2009, what was the number of investigations open for more than 30 days but less than 90 days?
- (5) As at 31 August 2009, what was the number of investigations open for more than 90 days?
- (6) As at 31 August 2009, what were the number of open investigations?
- (7) As at 31 August 2009, what was the number of unallocated cases not assigned to a case worker, by district?

1209. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) As at 31 August 2009, what was total number of applications to be a foster carer approved by category of relative and non relative carer and by district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total number of registered foster carers by category of relative carer and non relative carer and by district?
- (3) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non relative carer and by district?
- (4) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total number of registered foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non relative carers by district?
- (5) As at 31 August 2009, what was the total number of interim foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non relative carers by district?

1210. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) During the month of August 2009, what was the total number of registered carers with four or more children placed with them by district?
- (2) Of those carers listed in (1), how many were relative carers and how many were non-relative carers?
- (3) During the month of August 2009, what was the total number of interim carers with four or more children placed with them by district?
- (4) Of those carers listed in (3), how many were relative carers and how many were non-relative carers?

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- (5) During the month of August 2009, how many carers had an interim registration for more than 90 days?
- (6) Of those carers listed in (5), how many were relative carers and how many were non-relative carers?
- (7) During the month of August 2009, how many carers had a 'carer record screening' overdue or not recorded by district?
- (8) Of those carers listed in (7), how many were relative carers and how many were non-relative carers?
- (9) During the month of August 2009, how many carers had overdue 'carer reviews' by district?
- (10) Of those carers listed in (9), how many were relative carers and how many were non-relative carers?

1211. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

- (1) How many children; aged between 0 and 3 years, and in each of the health services are on waiting lists for the following therapy services, -
 - (a) speech therapy;
 - (b) physiotherapy;
 - (c) audiology;
 - (d) occupational therapy; and
 - (e) dieticians?
- (2) What is the waiting time for each of the therapies, in each area of health service?

1212. Hon Sue Ellery to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) How many children are on waiting lists within the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHAS), by district, for the following services, -
 - (a) counselling;
 - (b) psychology services;
 - (c) psychiatry services; and
 - (d) dieticians?
- (2) Are there any other therapy providers for whom there is a waiting list within CAMHAS?
- (3) What is the length of waiting time for each of the services by district?

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