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QUESTIONS

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Tuesday, 22 May 2012

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 5561. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
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5572. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
5573. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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5596. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry
5597. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

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5598. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries
5599. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police
5600. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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5602. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
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5604. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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- 5605. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
- 5606. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5607. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
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5609. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry

- (1) How many full time equivalent employees are there in the native forest logging industry, excluding plantations (please list by job description and location) —
- (a) in the public sector; and
 - (b) in the private sector?
- (2) What is the source of those figures?

5610. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer

I refer to the Economic Regulatory Authority's inquiry into the efficient costs and tariffs of the Water Corporation, AqWest and the Busselton Water Board, and I ask —

- (1) Did the inquiry receive any submissions other than those publicly available?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many submissions were received in total?

5611. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Youth

I refer to the Minister's Statement of 1 May 2012 regarding Youth Week 2012, and I ask —

- (1) Who are members of the National Youth Week Young People's Planning Committee?
- (2) Who determined the membership of the committee?
- (3) How were the members selected?

5612. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to the recent closure of the Killara Youth Support Service, and I ask —

- (1) Why was the decision made to close the service?
- (2) How much funding did the service receive in —
 - (a) 2010-11; and
 - (b) 2011-12?
- (3) How many full time equivalents (FTE) were employed in Killara Youth Support Service in —
 - (a) 2010-11; and
 - (b) 2011-12?
- (4) How many police cautions did the service follow-up in —
 - (a) 2010-11; and
 - (b) 2011-12?
- (5) Has the Metropolitan Youth Bail Service been granted extra funding to take on the role of Killara Youth Support Service?
- (6) If yes to (5), how much?

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- (7) Will the Metropolitan Youth Bail Service employ extra FTE to take on the role of Killara Youth Support Service?
- (8) If yes to (7), how many?
- (9) Is it the department's policy to follow up all youth police cautions?
- (10) If no to (9), what percentage of cautions are followed up?
- (11) How is the decision made regarding which cautions will be followed-up?
- (12) How many cautions are followed-up by way of a —
 - (a) letter;
 - (b) home visit;
 - (c) phone call; or
 - (d) any other way?
- (13) Is counselling or other support offered to the families of all youths receiving a police caution?
- (14) If no to (13), what percentage of families are offered counselling or other support?
- (15) On what basis does the Minister determine which families will be offered this support?

5613. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services

I refer to the plan to establish disability justice centres for people who have been found unfit to plead due to intellectual and/or cognitive disability, and to the high incidence of co-occurring mental illness and intellectual and/or cognitive disability, and I ask —

- (1) Will people with co-occurring mental illness and intellectual and/or cognitive disability be eligible for a place in a disability justice centre?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), will treatment for mental illness be provided at the disability justice centres?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

5614. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to Enhanced Oil Recovery, and I ask —

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any plans to undertake an enhanced oil recovery program at Jingemina?
- (2) Have any applications been made to undertake an enhanced oil recovery program at Jingemina?

5615. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the prescribed fire BB125 in Sollya forest block and Milyeannup National Park, near Nannup, and the unplanned fire in D'Entrecasteaux National Park, Gingilup Swamps Nature Reserve and private property in November and December 2011, and I ask —

- (1) On what days in 2011 was fire applied to the prescribed fire area?
- (2) How many other prescribed fires were ignited on the same or adjacent days and where were they lit?

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- (3) How many hectares were intended to be burnt in —
 - (a) Sollya forest block;
 - (b) Milyeannup National Park;
 - (c) other (please specify); and
 - (d) total?
- (4) How many hectares were burnt in —
 - (a) Sollya forest block;
 - (b) Milyeannup National Park;
 - (c) D'Entrecasteaux National Park?
 - (d) Gingilup Swamps Nature Reserve;
 - (e) private property;
 - (f) other (please specify); and
 - (g) total?
- (5) How many hectares were burnt in the unplanned fire, including back burns?
- (6) What was the —
 - (a) Estimated; and
 - (b) actual dollar cost of the prescribed fire within the burn area?
- (7) What was the dollar cost of the unplanned fire?
- (8) Of the total costs in (6b) and (7), please specify the costs for —
 - (a) overtime and allowances;
 - (b) accommodation;
 - (c) travel and food;
 - (d) contract machinery;
 - (e) aircraft costs;
 - (f) heavy fleet;
 - (g) light fleet?
 - (h) compensation paid to date;
 - (i) estimated amount of compensation that may have to be paid;
 - (j) other (please specify); and
 - (k) total?
- (9) Was the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) or the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) responsible for managing the unplanned fire and from which office did it operate?
- (10) Will the Minister please provide full details on what resources were employed and what management actions were implemented in relation to the unplanned fire?
- (11) Was a decision made to allow the unplanned fire to burn to the coast?
- (12) If yes to (11), on what date and by whom?

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- (13) Were back burns lit to manage the spread of the unplanned fire?
- (14) If yes to (13), what area was burnt in the back burns?
- (15) Did volunteers from Bush Fire Brigades attend?
- (16) If yes to (15) —
- (a) which one(s);
 - (b) were their resources used to full capacity; and
 - (c) if not, why not?
- (17) Given that one strategic protection success criterion for BB125 was to ensure the burn met the Security Standards outlined in the Fire Operations Guideline 24 (FOG 24), was this success criterion met?
- (18) If no to (17), in what way(s)?
- (19) Will the Minister please table Fire Operations Guideline 24?
- (20) Given that one biodiversity management success criterion for BB125 was that no more than 50 per cent of the Milyeannup Brook riparian vegetation north of Blackwood Road was to be burnt, what percentage of the Milyeannup Brook riparian vegetation north of Blackwood Road was burnt?
- (21) Given that one biodiversity management success criterion for BB125 was that no more than 50 per cent of the total burn was to be fully crown scorched, what percentage of the total burn area in —
- (a) the prescribed fire area; and
 - (b) the unplanned fire area was fully crown scorched?
- (22) Given that one biodiversity management success criterion for BB125 was that there was to be no significant increase in the turbidity levels within the Milyeannup Brook north of Blackwood Road, was this success criterion met?
- (23) If no to (22), by how much?
- (24) What species of threatened flora and fauna and/or threatened ecological communities are known to be within —
- (a) the burn area for prescribed fire BB125; and
 - (b) the unplanned fire area?
- (25) What species of threatened flora and fauna and/or threatened ecological communities known to be within the total burn area were burnt or affected by —
- (a) prescribed fire BB125; and
 - (b) the unplanned fire?
- (26) What species of threatened flora and fauna and/or threatened ecological communities known to be within the total burn area were not burnt or affected by —
- (a) prescribed fire BB125; and
 - (b) the unplanned fire?
- (27) Have any post burn surveys been done to assess the response to the fire of threatened flora and fauna and/or threatened ecological communities identified in (24) above?

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- (28) If yes to (27), when and with what outcome?
- (29) If no to (27), why not?
- (30) Will the Minister please table for (a) the prescribed fire area and (b) the unplanned fire area —
- (a) detailed maps showing ‘fuel ages’ immediately prior to these fires;
 - (b) detailed maps showing burnt and unburnt areas; and
 - (c) post-burn aerial photos?

5616. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar Site Management Plan, and I ask —

- (1) What arrangements are currently in place with the Commonwealth and other stakeholders as to respective responsibilities for Ramsar implementation at the Ramsar listed Peel-Yalgorup site, including funding?
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied with these arrangements?
- (3) If no to (2), how is the Minister addressing his concerns?
- (4) What funds were allocated to protecting the Ramsar listed Peel-Yalgorup site in —
 - (a) 2009-2010;
 - (b) 2010-2011; and
 - (c) 2011-2012?

(For each answer, please provide full details of the provider and recipient of the funds and the purpose of the funds including identifying the specific strategy or action in the Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar Site Management Plan intended to be addressed.)

- (5) For 2012-2013 —
 - (a) what funds have been allocated to protecting that site;
 - (b) who will be the provider of the funds;
 - (c) who will be the recipient of the funds; and
 - (d) what is the purpose of the funds (please identify the specific strategy or action in the Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar Site Management Plan intended to be addressed)?
- (6) To date, which of the knowledge gaps identified in the Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar Site Management Plan has been filled (please provide full details)?
- (7) Regarding Table 15 (limits of acceptable change for the Peel Yalgorup Ramsar site) at pages 47 and 48 of the Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar Site Management Plan, will the Minister please indicate —
 - (a) in relation to each listed component that has a limit of acceptable change specified —
 - (i) whether it may currently be outside that limit;
 - (ii) whether it is currently within that limit;
 - (iii) whether its current status is unknown,
 - (b) in relation to each listed component where a limit of acceptable change is not specified due to lack of data —

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- (i) whether a limit of acceptable change has now been identified; and
 - (ii) if no to (7)(b)(i), why not?
- (8) Regarding the contents of Table 3 at page 14 of the report by Ironbark Environmental to the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council 'Catchment condition and priorities, Peel-Harvey Catchment 2011' which identify the status of Yalgorup Lakes hydrology and water quality, Lake Clifton thrombolites, Lake Clifton fish, Lake McLarty hydrology and Lake Mealup hydrology as all being of concern —
- (a) does the Minister agree these are currently of concern to the site's ecological character; and
 - (b) if no to (8)(a), why not?
- (9) What, if any, further or other concerns/emerging concerns regarding the ecological character of the site have been identified?
- (10) Have all concerns/emerging concerns regarding the ecological character of the site been reported to the Commonwealth?
- (11) If yes to (10), when?
- (12) If no to (10), why not?
- (13) Regarding each concern/emerging concern regarding the ecological character of the site, what specific action has been taken to address the deterioration?
- (14) To date, has that action —
- (a) arrested the deterioration; or
 - (b) reversed the deterioration (if yes, please provide full details)?
- (15) Regarding the Auditor General's report 'Management of Ramsar Wetlands in Western Australia' published in September 2006, which identifies at page 21 a need for consistency in how different Ramsar sites are monitored and reported on to enable accurate information to be provided to the Commonwealth and under the Ramsar Convention regarding the biodiversity and health of Ramsar sites in Western Australia —
- (a) what progress has been made on an agreed national methodology or indicators for the assessment of wetlands;
 - (b) what progress has been made in achieving consistency as to how Ramsar sites in Western Australia are monitored and reported on;
 - (c) how consistent is the Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar Site Management Plan (including its Monitoring and Evaluation Guide) with —
 - (i) any agreed national methodology or indicators for the assessment of wetlands; and
 - (ii) the way other Ramsar sites in Western Australia are monitored and reported on?

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