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- 1495. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing and Works
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- 1498. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1499. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Police
- 1500. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Training
- 1501. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands

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Thursday, 10 September 2009

- 1512. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1513. Mr A.J. Carpenter to the Minister for Police
- 1514. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Police
- 1515. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Tuesday, 15 September 2009

- 1516. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
- 1517. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1518. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Treasurer
- 1519. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1520. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
- 1521. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

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- 1522. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1523. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Corrective Services
- 1524. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education
- 1525. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Commerce
- 1526. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1527. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 1528. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education
- 1530. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Minister for Health
- 1531. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Local Government

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- 1532. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Minister for Health

1533. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Mental Health
1534. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water
1535. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development
1536. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
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Wednesday, 23 September 2009

- 1610. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1611. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1612. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development
- 1613. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1614. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 1615. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1616. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1617. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier

Thursday, 24 September 2009

- 1618. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1619. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Premier
- 1620. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism

1621. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
1622. Mrs C.A. Martin to the Minister for Education
1623. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands

Questions listed for this sitting: -

1624. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) Could the Minister please detail the number of patients and the percentage of patients that presented at Emergency Departments and were treated within 4 hours consistent with the requirements of the soon-to-be-implemented 4-Hour Rule at the following hospitals:
- (a) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
 - (b) Swan Districts Hospital;
 - (c) Royal Perth Hospital;
 - (d) Armadale/Kelmscott Hospital;
 - (e) Fremantle Hospital;
 - (f) Rockingham Hospital;
 - (g) Peel Health Campus;
 - (h) Joondalup Hospital;
 - (i) all metropolitan hospitals; and
 - (j) all Western Australian country hospitals?
- (2) Could the Minister please detail the number of patients and the percentage of patients that presented at Emergency Departments and were treated within 4 hours consistent with the requirements of the soon to be implemented 4-Hour Rule for the following periods:
- (a) April – June 2007;
 - (b) July – September 2007;
 - (c) October – December 2007;
 - (d) January – March 2008;
 - (e) April – June 2008;
 - (f) July – September 2008;
 - (g) October – December 2008;
 - (h) January – March 2009; and
 - (i) April – June 2009?

1625. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Police

- (1) What is the Office of Crime Prevention budget in 2009–2010 for delivering each of the following programs and services:
- (a) policy strategy and performance;
 - (b) business services;
 - (c) grants management;

- (d) Burglar Beware;
 - (e) Eyes on the Street;
 - (f) strategic projects;
 - (g) graffiti;
 - (h) Leavers Week;
 - (i) local government partnerships;
 - (j) Neighbourhood Watch;
 - (k) Designing Out Crime;
 - (l) the State CCTV implementation plan; and
 - (m) any new designations for programs or services?
- (2) If the budget targets for the 2009–2010 year have not yet been finalised, when will they be finalised, and what are the reasons for the delay in determining the Office of Crime Prevention's budget?

1626. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water

For each of the years 2006–2007, 2007–2008 and 2008–2009, what was the total volume of water pumped into hills storage dams from the Kwinana Seawater Desalination Plant?

1627. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many nurses have been assaulted by patients from 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009 at each of the following hospitals:
- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
 - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
 - (c) Fremantle Hospital;
 - (d) Osborne Park Hospital;
 - (e) Joondalup Health Campus; and
 - (f) Graylands Hospital?
- (2) How many nurses in (1) received medical attention after being assaulted by patients?
- (3) What was the nature of each assault in (1)?
- (4) How many nurses working in public hospitals were threatened with assault from 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009?

1628. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

How many assaults toward nurses occurred in each of the metropolitan health service hospitals in 2008–2009?

1629. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Planning

I make reference to the South Metropolitan and Peel Regional Structure Plan on behalf of the Adam family of Lot 330 Pinjarra Road, Ravenswood; and ask:

- (1) Who within the Department for Planning and Infrastructure identified Lot 330 Pinjarra Road, Ravenswood as a potential site for a University?

- (2) Who made representation to Mr John Pride of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Mandurah that the Adam family were in agreeance and supported the proposal to build a university on their land?
- (3) Why wasn't the Adam family consulted in relation to the proposal?

Will the Minister approve compensation be paid to the Adam family for the cost of preparing a submission, stress and inconvenience?

1630. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many nurses were recruited under the Department of Health's international recruitment program in 2008–2009?
- (2) How many midwives were recruited under the Department of Health's international recruitment program in 2008–2009?
- (3) How many nurses in other specialty areas were recruited under the Department of Health's international recruitment program in 2008–2009?
- (4) How many of these were for temporary visa sponsorship?
- (5) How many of these were for permanent visa sponsorship?

1631. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the former Legislative Assembly Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's 2004 report into Regional Arts in Western Australia, and associated research showing that recruitment of Regional Arts Development Officers (RADOs) returns \$4 for every \$1 invested?
- (2) Has the Minister made a commitment to funding a RADO in the Gascoyne from 2010, and is this to be funded under Royalties for Regions?
- (3) Will the Minister support establishing RADOs in each of the regional commissions?

1632. Mr J.R. Quigley to the Minister for Education

- (1) When does the Government propose to commence construction of the Butler High School?
- (2) Is it still proposed that the Government will open the Butler High School for the academic year commencing 2012; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) If the Government does not propose to open the Butler High School for the academic year commencing 2012, when does the Government intend to commence construction of the Butler High School?
- (4) Which academic year is it expected the proposed Butler High School will open?

1633. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health

Regarding Albany Regional Hospital can the Minister please advise:

- (1) Are there plans to use disposable theatre packs, and if so, what will happen to the equipment from the packs that are not used?
- (2) Why are support service staff now being called 'back of house services'; and
 - (a) what research was done before making this decision; and
 - (b) does the Minister think it will affect the morale of the support service staff?

- (3) Will the laundry service in the new hospital be privatised or contracted out; and
 - (a) if yes, how many staff will be affected?
- (4) Will the workshop and maintenance services in the new hospital be privatised or contracted out; and
 - (a) if yes, how many staff will be affected?
- (5) Will the kitchen and catering services in the new hospital be privatised or contracted out; and
 - (a) if yes, how many staff will be affected?
- (6) Why does it take up to 5 weeks to replace a casual staff member?
- (7) How long does it take to fill an administration position?
- (8) Has the Minister been advised of reports that there is a purple circle between management and staff when it comes to staff promotions; and
 - (a) will the Minister investigate these claims?
- (9) Is the Minister aware that due to staff shortages, some staff have not been able to take meal breaks or accrued time off in lieu?
- (10) What security arrangements are in place and how many staff fill security positions; and
 - (a) of these, how many have accredited security training and what has that training been comprised of?
- (11) What is the staff-to-patient ratio for:
 - (a) dementia patients;
 - (b) aged care patients; and
 - (c) general admission patients?
- (12) What is the number of beds and at what capacity is the hospital running?
- (13) On a weekly basis, how many hours do the 'fly in fly out' general practitioners (GPs) work?
- (14) How many days have the 'fly in fly out' GPs been unable to work due to illness or other reasons since they started working?
- (15) What training has been provided in the last 12 months to the following staff:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors;
 - (d) engineering staff;
 - (e) administration staff; and
 - (f) allied health professionals?
- (16) What training opportunities are available to the staff and how can it be accessed?
- (17) What are the total full time equivalent (FTE) staff numbers for each section of the hospital?
- (18) What is the total FTE staff number positions that are vacant or remain unfilled?
- (19) How many FTE staff positions have been acting in the past 12 months, and what are these positions?
- (20) How is medical waste from the hospital disposed of currently?
- (21) How will medical waste be disposed of at the new hospital?

1634. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) What will the Minister's portfolio agencies do to ensure the long-running phase and power surge problems at Jigalong Clinic are fixed urgently?
- (2) Can the Minister advise which agency is responsible for fixing the problem which has prevented the two large air-conditioners at the clinic from being used?
- (3) Can the Minister advise as to whom can the Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service, who operate the Jigalong Clinic, send their application to recover the cost of damage to medical and diagnostic equipment, and office and living quarters' electrical goods that have needed repair or been damaged and written-off and have had to be replaced as a result of the problems with current power supply?
- (4) Will the government take steps to ensure that a permanent back-up generator is provided to the Jigalong Clinic so that:
 - (a) the air conditioners can be used and valued and difficult to source nursing staff are not lost because of unacceptable working conditions; and
 - (b) expensive refrigerated pharmaceuticals and immunisation doses are not thrown out?

1635. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs

- (1) What will the Deputy Premier's portfolio agencies do to ensure the long-running phase and power surge problems at Jigalong Clinic are fixed urgently?
- (2) Can the Deputy Premier advise which agency is responsible for fixing the problem which has prevented the two large air conditioners at the clinic from being used?
- (3) Can the Deputy Premier advise as to whom can the Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service, who operate the Jigalong Clinic, send their application to recover the cost of damage to medical and diagnostic equipment, and office and living quarters' electrical goods that have needed repair or been damaged and written-off and have had to be replaced as a result of the problems with current power supply?
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1636. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

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1637. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Sport and Recreation

What Government grants will the Thornlie Bowling Club be able to access under this portfolio, despite the \$65m cuts this financial year and \$200m cuts over 4 years?

1638. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

What Government grants will the Friends of Mary Carroll Park be able to access under this portfolio, despite the \$65m cuts this financial year and \$200m cuts over 4 years?

1639. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Attorney General

What Government grants will the Gosnells Community Legal Centre Inc. be able to access under this portfolio, despite the \$65m cuts this financial year and \$200m cuts over 4 years?

1640. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Police

What Government grants will the Gosnells Police and Community Youth Centre be able to access under this portfolio, despite the \$65m cuts this financial year and \$200m cuts over 4 years?

1641. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Health

What Government grants will the Gosnells Women's Health Service be able to access under this portfolio, despite the \$65m cuts this financial year and \$200m cuts over 4 years?

1642. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection

What Government grants will the Huntingdale Cherubs Playgroup be able to access under this portfolio, despite the \$65m cuts this financial year and \$200m cuts over 4 years?

1643. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Women's Interests

What Government grants will the Older Women's Network of WA (based in Thornlie) be able to access under this portfolio, despite the \$65m cuts this financial year and \$200m cuts over 4 years?

1644. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Corrective Services

In reference to the Prison Volunteer Program which is a program that offers emotional support for people visiting prisoners in Western Australia's correctional institutions, I ask:

- (1) Can the Minister explain what is happening to the Prison Volunteer Program in Bunbury?
- (2) Is the Minister considering replacing this successful program?
- (3) If yes to (2), at what cost, over and above the cost of running the existing Prison Volunteer Program, will the replacement program cost?
- (4) If yes to (2), what involvement will the existing volunteers have in the running of the new program?
- (5) If yes to (2), can the Minister explain how many hours, and what hours per week, will be offered to support visitors in Bunbury by the replacement program?

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