#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

#### No. 44

#### **TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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1113.	Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
1114.	Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Planning
1115.	Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier
1116.	Mr P. Abetz to the Minister for Mental Health

- 1117. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education
- 1118. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Water
- 1119. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
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- 1130. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
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- 1177. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Premier
- 1178. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Minister for Planning

#### Wednesday, 12 August 2009

- 1179. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1180. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 1181. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 1182. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
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- 1404. Ms R. Saffioti to the Premier

#### Thursday, 13 August 2009

- 1405. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
- 1406. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

#### Tuesday, 18 August 2009

- 1407. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1408. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health
- 1409. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 1410. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Tourism
- 1411. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1412. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Housing and Works

#### Wednesday, 19 August 2009

- 1413. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1414. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
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- 1436. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1437. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education
- 1438. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Police
- 1439. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1440. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Local Government

#### Thursday, 20 August 2009

- 1441. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1442. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1443. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
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- 1446. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1447. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1448. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education

#### Questions listed for this sitting: -

- 1449. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- (1) Will the Minister give an assurance that the ongoing presence of a St John Ambulance paramedic in the township of Newman will be included in any renegotiated contract between St John Ambulance Service and WA Health?
- (2) If not, why not?

#### 1450. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer to the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) and ask for every year between 1995 and 2009:

- (a) how many occasions did the ACMC meet each year;
- (b) how many occasions did the Director General at the time for the Department for Indigenous Affairs meet with the ACMC each year; and
- (c) how many times did the Minister for Indigenous Affairs at the time meet with the ACMC each year?

#### 1451. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to an extract from *Hansard* of the Legislative Council's budget estimate proceedings of 18 June 2009 listing Department of Health Assets earmarked for sale at a total estimated value of \$1.8 million and ask:

- (a) what is the estimated market value for each of the following assets that the Department has earmarked for sale:
  - (i) portion of the Bridgetown Hospital site;
  - (ii) Dwellingup Nursing Post;
  - (iii) old Morawa Hospital site;
  - (iv) portion of the Whitby Falls Hospital site;
  - (v) old Pemberton Hospital site;
  - (vi) staff housing Pinjarra (67 Congdon Ave);
  - (vii) staff housing Port Hedland (Lot 76 the Esplanade);
  - (viii) old Port Hedland Hospital site; and
  - (ix) portion of the York Hospital site;
- (b) how has this estimated value of the sites listed in (a) been determined;
- (c) when was this evaluation made;

- (d) has the Office of the Valuer-General provided an independent evaluation for each of the above sites listed in (a), and if so, what was the Valuer-General's estimation for each of the sites;
- (e) have any of the sites listed in (a) been sold, and if so:
  - (i) which site/s have been sold; and
  - (ii) what was the sale price for each of the site/s sold; and
- (f) of those sites where only a portion is earmarked for sale (part of Bridgetown Hospital, part of Whitby Falls Hospital and part of the York Hospital site), please outline for each:
  - (i) what is the land area of each portion that is earmarked for sale; and
  - (ii) what percentage of the total site does each portion represent?

#### 1452. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Education

- (1) Can the Minister inform the House of the number of the Education Department employees who have been diagnosed with suffering from chemical sensitivity and are currently not attached to a work place; and
  - (a) of those people, for how long have they been without a formal placing?
- (2) How many former employees in the last ten years left the Department citing chemical sensitivity as a reason for their departure?
- 1453. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- (1) When does the Government intend to develop a new eight-bed hostel in Port Hedland and group homes in Karratha and Newman?
- (2) When will this work start?
- (3) What will the work cost?
- (4) In what streets are each of these facilities to be located?
- 1454. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the seriously degraded condition of the Marble Bar to Newman Road?
- (2) What steps is the Minister taking to make sure that core funding from the Western Australian Main Roads budget are allocated to an urgent upgrade to this road through a major hot spot of resource and mining company activity?
- (3) If the Main Roads budget does not include funds to urgently upgrade this road, will the Minister advise whether Royalties for Regions funds, which come predominantly from mining royalties, will be made available to assist in maintaining dangerously degraded roads in close vicinity to large mining facilities in the Pilbara; and
  - (a) if not, why not?
- 1455. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the seriously degraded condition of the Marble Bar to Newman Road?
- (2) Will the Minister advise whether any funds will be made available to assist in maintaining dangerously degraded roads in close vicinity to large mining facilities in the Pilbara; and
  - (a) if not, why not?

#### 1456. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health

Given that Denmark has a significant of proportion of ageing residents and this is causing an increasing demand on services at the hospital, I ask:

- (a) how many patients have been transferred from the Denmark Hospital to:
  - (i) Albany Regional Hospital; and
  - (ii) Plantagenet Hospital; and
- (b) what is going to be done to increase bed capacity and staffing at the Denmark Hospital?

#### 1457. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism

In relation to the One World Movement for Music, I ask:

- (a) is any funding provided for the 2009 Festival to be held in October 2009; and
- (b) has any funding been handed over to the private company organisers yet; and
  - (i) if so, what is the schedule of payments and trigger events for payments;
  - (ii) what acquittal procedures are in place; and
  - (iii) if any payments have been made, can the Minister please provide full acquittals?

#### 1458. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism

In relation to the funding agreement between Eventscorp and One Movement for Music, what declarations of conflict of interest or potential conflict of interests have been made by:

- (a) staff, consultants or board members within any of the Minister's portfolios and/or agencies; and
- (b) staff, consultants or board members within other portfolios and/or agencies presenting information in support of One Movement for Music?

#### 1459. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

- (1) Could the Premier please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
- (2) Could the Premier please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) could the Premier please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?

#### 1460. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs

- (1) Could the Deputy Premier please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?

- (2) Could the Deputy Premier please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) could the Deputy Premier please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?
- 1461. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
- (2) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?
- 1462. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
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- 1463. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within her Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
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  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?

- 1464. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
- (2) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?
- 1465. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- (1) Could the Treasurer please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
- (2) Could the Treasurer please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) could the Treasurer please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?
- 1466. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
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  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?
- 1467. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?

- (2) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
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#### 1468. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts

- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
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  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?

#### 1469. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training

- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
- (2) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
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#### 1470. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) Could the Attorney General please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
- (2) Could the Attorney General please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies within his Ministerial portfolios that have been subject to budget or funding cuts since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) could the Attorney General please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?

- 1471. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within her Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
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#### 1472. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Water; Mental Health

- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
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  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?
- 1473. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
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  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?
- 1474. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within his Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?

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#### 1475. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth

- (1) Could the Minister please list by name all government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies abolished in agencies within her Ministerial portfolios since 23 September 2008; and
  - (a) which of these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies were abolished after 14 May 2009?
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  - (a) could the Minister please itemise in dollars the amount of each budget or funding cut for these government projects, programmes, initiatives, schemes and/or subsidies?

#### 1476. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer to Contract Reference Number BMW3391109 – Office Fit-out of Level 14 Dumas House and ask:

(a) could the Minister advise what specific work is being undertaken as part of the \$17,769 contract?

#### 1477. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Health

Following enquiries from Rockingham constituents concerning access to the Metropolitan Patients Dental Subsidy Scheme, I ask the Minister:

- (a) have there been recent changes to the procedure whereby patients can be treated by a private dentist and gain access to the Metropolitan Patients Dental Subsidy Scheme;
- (b) if yes to (a), what changes have been made to the procedure; and
- (c) if yes to (a), what measures were used to inform the public of these changes?

#### 1478. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

- (1) Apart from visits accompanying the Premier, could the Premier advise if any staff from the Premier's Office travelled to the following regions between 1 January 2009 and 7 September 2009:
  - (a) the Mining and Pastoral Region;
  - (b) the Agricultural Region; and/or
  - (c) the South West Region?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the name or names of the Premier's Office staff who travelled to these regions between these dates?
- (3) If yes to (1), what were the dates of travel?
- (4) If yes to (1), what was the destination of the travel?
- (5) If yes to (1), for what purpose was the travel taken?

- (6) If yes to (1), what was the itinerary for the visit or visits?
- (7) If yes to (1), what was the total airfare cost associated with the visit or visits?
- (8) If yes to (1), what was the total accommodation costs associated with the visit or visits?
- (9) If yes to (1), did any other public sector officer or officers travel to these regions as part of, or in conjunction with, the visit by the Premier's Office staff?
- (10) If yes to (9), for what purpose did these public sector officers travel to these regions?
- (11) If yes to (9), what are the names, titles and levels of these public sector officers?
- (12) If yes to (9), what was the total airfare cost for these public sector officers?
- (13) If yes to (9), what was the accommodation cost for these public sector officers?

#### 1479. Mr A.P. O'Gorman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) When will the upgrades to Edgewater train station take place?
- (2) What will be the cost of the upgrades?
- (3) When will the upgrades be completed?
- (4) Will the upgrades include a lift from the overpass to the platform?
- (5) Will additional parking at Edgewater train station be included in the upgrades?

#### 1480. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Commerce

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the practice by real estate property managers in charging an option fee, the equivalent of one week's rent, to secure the interest of a potential tenant when they apply for a rental property? The tenant may pay this fee on more than one property that they are interested in and the money is refunded if the application is not successful or the tenant does not ended up signing a lease. The refund is made by cheque and delays are common due to the process of raising the cheque and then waiting for it to clear once deposited.
- (2) Will the Minister investigate the payment being made electronically into the applicant's bank account as an alternative to processing a cheque?

#### 1481. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health

Given that weekend General Practitioner services to the Albany Regional Hospital supplied by The Surgery are to be withdrawn, can the Minister detail the following costs of replacing these services by General Practitioners from Perth:

- (a) airfares;
- (b) accommodation;
- (c) car hire; and
- (d) locum finding fees?

#### 1482. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Planning

Can the Minister please advise the tenure of the current Peel Regional Planning Committee and how appointments to this committee are made?

- 1483. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Police
- (1) Is the Minister aware of media reports indicating that New South Wales police have mistakenly charged Sydney motorists with traffic fines because a fake road sign had been installed in the suburb of Beecroft?
- (2) What statutory provisions exist in Western Australia to deter any similar occurrence on our public roads?
- (3) What are the Western Australian legislative provisions that make it an offence to install false signs on public roads? And what are the penalties involved?

#### 1484. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) What arrangements does the Department of Housing and Works have with the Federal Government to install ceiling insulation in Department of Housing and Works rental properties?
- (2) What arrangements does the Department of Housing and Works have with the Federal Government to install ceiling insulation in Department of Housing and Works Government employee housing?

#### 1485. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

I refer to the Office of Development Approvals Coordination (ODAC), and ask:

- (a) is the ODAC still in existence;
- (b) if yes to (a), where is it located;
- (c) if yes to (a), who is the ODAC's current Director;
- (d) if yes to (a), how many staff does it have as of 7 September 2009;
- (e) how many staff did the ODAC have on 22 September 2008;
- (f) if yes to (a), what is the ODAC's operating annual budget as of 7 September 2009;
- (g) what was the ODAC's operating annual budget as of 22 September 2008;
- (h) if no to (a), when was it abolished;
- (i) if no to (a), why was it abolished; and
- (j) if no to (a), what happened to the staff who were employed there?

## 1486. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

I refer to the Department of Commerce and Department of Housing and Works, and ask:

- (a) what grants programmes do the two departments operate;
- (b) what are the categories of grants that the two departments operate;
- (c) how much did each of the two departments distribute in grants over each of the last four financial years; and
- (d) what companies, businesses, agencies or individuals were the recipients of the grants and how much did each receive?

#### 1487. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

I refer to the WA Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and ask:

- (a) what grants programmes do the two agencies operate;
- (b) what are the categories of grants that the two agencies operate;
- (c) how much did each of the two agencies distribute in grants over each of the last four financial years; and
- (d) What companies, businesses, agencies or individuals were the recipients of the grants and how much did each receive?

#### 1488. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Department of Environment and ask:

- (a) what grants programmes does the Department operate;
- (b) what are the categories of grants that the Department operates;
- (c) how much did the Department distribute in grants over each of the last four financial years; and
- (d) what companies, businesses, agencies or individuals were the recipients of the grants and how much did each receive?

# 1489. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum I refer to the Department of Mines and Petroleum and ask:

- (a) what grants programmes does the Department operate;
- (b) what are the categories of grants that the Department operates;
- (c) how much did the Department distribute in grants over each of the last four financial years; and
- (d) what companies, businesses, agencies or individuals were the recipients of the grants and how much did each receive?

#### 1490. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Minister for the Environment's meetings with property developers, mining and resource businesses, and lobbyists representing the interests of property developers and mining and resource businesses, and ask:

- (a) since 23 September 2008 has the Minister met with representatives of the following companies or lobbyists:
  - (i) Satterley Property Group;
  - (ii) MIRVAC;
  - (iii) Port Bouvard Limited;
  - (iv) Eastcourt Property Group;
  - (v) BP Developments Australia;
  - (vi) BHP Billiton;
  - (vii) Yannarie Solar;
  - (viii) Straits Resources;
  - (ix) Chevron Australia;
  - (x) Citic Pacific Mining;

- (xi) GRA Everingham;
- (xii) Woodside;
- (xiii) Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd;
- (xiv) ALCOA;
- (xv) The Griffin Group;
- (xvi) Enhance Corporate;
- (xvii) Mineralogy Pty Ltd;
- (xviii) Polaris Metals;
- (xix) Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance;
- (xx) Iluka Resources;
- (xxi) Crosslands Resources;
- (xxii) Hydro UMC Joint Venture;
- (xxiii) Bauxite Resources Limited;
- (xxiv) Rio Tinto;
- (xxv) Galaxy Resources Limited;
- (xxvi) Mega Uranium;
- (xxvii) Western Areas NL;
- (xxviii) Pluton Resources LTD; and/or
- (xxix) Fortescue Metals Group;
- (b) if yes to (a), when did each of the meetings take place;
- (c) if yes to (a), who was present at the meetings;
- (d) if yes to (a), what subjects were discussed; and
- (e) if no to (a), what companies or lobbyists referred to in (a) has the Minister not met with?

#### 1491. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

I refer to the number of reviews, boards, committees and taskforces created by the State Government, and ask:

- (a) could the Premier individually name the number of reviews, boards, committees and taskforces created by the Government between 17 June 2009 and 7 September 2009;
- (b) could the Premier individually name any reviews, boards, committees and taskforces that have been created since 23 September 2008 but were not identified in the Premier's response to Question on Notice No. 1057;
- (c) what is the individual cost associated with each of the reviews, boards, committees and taskforces created since 17 June 2009; and
- (d) what is the individual cost associated with each of the reviews, boards, committees and taskforces that have been created since 23 September 2008 but were not identified in the Premier's response to Question on Notice No. 1057?

#### 1492. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for State Development

I refer to the Department of State Development and ask:

- (a) what grants programmes does the Department operate;
- (b) what are the categories of grants that the Department operates;
- (c) how much did the Department distribute in grants over each of the last four financial years; and
- (d) what companies, businesses, agencies or individuals were the recipients of the grants and how much did each receive?

#### 1493. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

I refer to public sector agency websites and ask:

- (a) how many State Government agencies have websites;
- (b) how many websites does each agency have;
- (c) how many websites have been created by State Government agencies since 23 September 2008;
- (d) what are those websites created since 23 September 2008 and what agencies do they fit within;
- (e) what was the total cost of creating each of these websites; and
- (f) of those State Government agencies with websites, how many have direct links on the front page of their website to information that would assist people in making a complaint about that agency?

1494. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport I refer to the Perth-Bunbury Fast Rail Demand Study Travel Survey, and ask:

- (a) how many households were selected to complete the survey;
- (b) how many households returned their completed survey by the required date being Friday 31 July 2009;
- (c) how many random survey households were from the Mandurah postcode of 6210 and the Murray Shire post code of 6208;
- (d) who compiled the survey;
- (e) when are the results of the survey expected to be made public;
- (f) which local government authorities were consulted regarding the various route options suggested in the survey; and
- (g) could the Minister provide me with a copy of this Survey Document sent to randomly selected households?

#### 1495. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) Is the Department of Housing and Works considering allocating tenancies to the Antisocial Behaviour Intervention Team from the suburbs of Gosnells, Thornlie and Huntingdale?
- What are the selection criteria that must met in order to place a tenancy with the Housing Antisocial Behaviour Intervention Team?

#### 1496. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer to the Totally and Partially Disabled Veterans of WA respite centre at 1667 Mandurah Road, Baldivis, and ask:

- (a) will the Government be adhering to the original terms of the agreement and restore the centre to its original purpose;
- (b) has the Government sought and received legal advice; and
  - (i) if yes to (b), will the Minister release that advice?

#### 1497. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

An authorised quarantine inspector within the Department of Agriculture and Food has voiced concerns about the inevitability of contamination of genetically modified (GM) canola on shire roadsides during the transport of the GM canola harvest. 22 shires have declared themselves to be GM-free for crop cultivation and 21 GM-Free for transport and storage of GM products. I ask the Minister:

- (a) are you being undermined by people within your own department;
- (b) what safeguards are in place to address the issue of spillage of GM canola seeds along shire verges;
- (c) what is the long term plan to address the germination of herbicide resistant GM canola seeds on shire roadside verges;
- (d) will the Department of Agriculture and Food provide practical and financial assistance to shires for the testing of GM canola that is a result of roadside spills; and
- (e) will the Department of Agriculture and Food provide practical and financial assistance to shires for the management of GM canola that germinates as a result of roadside spills?

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly