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7901. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Transport  
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7903. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

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7904. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government  
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7906. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Attorney General  
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7909. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Health  
7910. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

**Questions listed for this sitting: –**

7911. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

In relation to Regional Arts Development Officers (RADOs), I ask:

- (a) has the Department prepared, undertaken or consulted regarding the introduction of RADOs to regional Western Australia and, if not, why not;
- (b) will the Minister table any advice given and received and, if not, why not; and
- (c) what costings have been prepared or submitted to introduce RADOs in every or some regions and what are these costings?

7912. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Emergency Services

I refer to the Minister's answer to my Question on Notice No. 7420, where he does not produce any evidence of planning for emergency services' access to the Perth Waterfront project environs. In relation to this, I ask:

- (a) on what occasions did the Minister provide advice to Cabinet, and what was the scope of that advice;
- (b) what advice has the Minister's department provided to other departments or stakeholders, will the Minister table that advice and, if not, why not;
- (c) now that work has begun on the Waterfront Project, what advice on emergency services access has been provided to construction companies or sub-contractors or the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority; and
- (d) will the Minister guarantee full emergency vehicle access to the Waterfront project site during its construction?

7913. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) What steps will the State Government take to immediately adopt the relevant recommendations contained in the federal Parliamentary report, entitled *In the Wake of Disasters Volume Two: The Affordability of Residential Strata Insurance*, in reference to residential accommodation insurance issues following natural disasters?
- (2) Will the Government initiate a moratorium on stamp duties paid on strata insurance premiums north of the Tropic of Capricorn for the 2012–2013 financial year and, if not, why not?
- (3) With particular reference to strata title insurance in the Pilbara and the absence of real competition amongst housing insurance providers for the Pilbara, will the Government:
  - (a) investigate the risk assessment methodologies used by insurance companies to price risk for strata insurance coverage;
  - (b) investigate the reasons for the lack of competition in the strata title insurance industry in the Pilbara and the North West, and take appropriate action as required;
  - (c) investigate any improper or anti-competitive behaviour taking place in the negotiation of strata insurance via managers and brokers, and take appropriate action if required;
  - (d) improve resources available to consumers to better equip them in the management of strata title affairs; and
  - (e) conduct a comprehensive review of strata title laws and regulations to increase flexibility in the choice of insurance arrangements for consumers and increase transparency in the disclosure of commissions and fees and, if not, why not?

7914. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

In relation to the Department of Planning website concerning the Waterfront Project, which states that the proposed 9,000 square metre Indigenous Cultural Centre will be a major attraction for visitors, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table all the architectural drawings and costings which enable him to confirm the Centre will be 9,000 square metres and, if not, why not;
- (b) what content for the Centre has the Minister confirmed which enables him to state that it will be a major attraction for visitors; and
- (c) exactly how many daily visitors to the Centre are predicted?

7915. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Corrective Services

In relation to the Global Positioning System for tracking dangerous sex offenders in the community, I ask:

- (a) what is the total cost involved in establishing the system;
- (b) what is the total cost in involved running the system per annum;

- (c) what is the breakdown for the cost of each component necessary in establishing the system;
- (d) what is the breakdown of the cost for each component necessary to run the system per annum;
- (e) how many dangerous sex offenders will be tracked per annum; and
- (f) what is the cost of tracking each sex offender per annum?

7916. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) Will the State Government commit to the allocation of \$8.8 million of Royalties for Regions funding so that the Goldfields Arts Centre can remain operational and, if not, why not?
- (2) Has it been established that workers opt to fly-in-fly-out when basic community infrastructure, such as arts centres, isn't available in regional cities for workers and their families?
- (3) The Mayor of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* on 28 April 2012, stated that the City wants the Government to treat regional centres in the same way as councils in the Perth metropolitan area with regards to annual operating subsidies for performing arts. Will the Minister address this issue and, if not, why not?
- (4) In considering whether the Goldfields Arts Centre will receive Royalties for Regions funding, will the Minister consider the effect on regional workforce trends, cost-of-living and quality of life if the Goldfields Centre has to close in August?

7917. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to page 67 of the 2010–2011 Annual Report of the Department of Regional Development, and ask:

- (a) does the report state that \$13.107 million and \$15.379 million was spent on consultants and contractors in 2010 and 2011 respectively;
- (b) how much of this was spent on consultants in each year; and
- (c) why did the consultants reports tabled in the Parliament for the period January–June 2010 and July–December 2010 list the amount spent on consultants within the Minister's portfolios as \$0.00 and \$101,644.90?

7918. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage

In relation to the Minister's failure to act to prevent deterioration of the State heritage-listed Guildford Hotel, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that on 2 April 2012 provisions in the *Local Government Act 1995* were transferred into the *Building Act 2011*, where section 112 enables local permit authorities to make building orders to compel owners of buildings which are in a dangerous state or unfit for human occupation to, among other things, renovate or repair the buildings;
- (b) is the Minister aware that signs have been erected on the State heritage-listed Guildford Hotel stating that there is a danger from falling materials;
- (c) why hasn't the Minister used his position to demand that action is taken to renovate and repair the Guildford Hotel to eliminate the dangerous state it is now in;
- (d) will the Minister now acknowledge that roofing the Guildford hotel is the quickest way to ensure that its heritage fabric and materials cease being eroded (as it is now in its fourth winter exposed to the elements), and prevent falling from the building, presenting a dangerous state?

7919. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

I refer to the Minister's media statement on 4 May 2012 which stated that diverse images from the Western Australian archives will light up buildings in the Perth Cultural Centre over the next few weeks following support from the State Government. In relation to this, I ask:



- (a) what is the total cost involved in this project; and
- (b) what are the exact sources of the funding within Government for this project, specifying budget line and the specific agency or department budget.

7920. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with the Economic Regulation Authority regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7921. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with the Energy Retailers Association of Australia regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7922. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with ERM Power regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7923. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Griffin Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7924. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Horizon Power regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7925. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with the Independent Market Operator regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7926. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Lanco regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7927. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with the Office of Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7928. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Perth Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7929. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Synergy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7930. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with TransAlta Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7931. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Verve Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7932. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Western Power regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7933. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Yancoal regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7934. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Alcoa regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7935. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with Alinta regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7936. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with BHP Billiton regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7937. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7938. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7939. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Minister held discussions with the Department of State Development regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7940. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

(1) I refer to Question without Notice No. 56 regarding the Perth Waterfront Project, and ask further, given that the Statue of Liberty precinct gets 3.5 million visitors annually, will the Minister please explain the modelling and/or methodology used to arrive at an estimated nine million annual visitors to the Perth Waterfront?

- (2) Will the Minister table the documents used to determine this number of visitors and, if not, why not?

7941. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage

In relation to complaints sent to the Ombudsman regarding issues within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) what is the procedure within the Minister's office for alerting him to Ombudsman inquiries or complaints within his portfolio areas; and
- (b) is the Minister aware that a community grievance has been sent to the Ombudsman in relation to public remarks made by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council regarding the Government's ability to act over the continuing deterioration of the State heritage-listed Guildford Hotel; and
  - (i) if so, what inquiries, memos, discussions etcetera has the Minister instigated or been involved in; and
  - (ii) if not, why not?

7942. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister for Energy's statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009 that he applauded Synergy for its work to deliver its new billing system, and whether he continues to applaud Synergy for implementing its new billing system?

7943. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister for Energy's announcement on 2 April 2009 that he had personally developed a five point plan with the board and management of Synergy to ensure that Western Australians would receive a world-class customer care and billing platform, and I ask whether Western Australians have received a world-class customer care and billing system; and

- (a) if so, when was this achieved; and
- (b) if not, when will this be achieved?

7944. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister for Energy's statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009 that he had personally developed a five point plan with the board and management of Synergy to ensure Western Australians would receive a world-class customer care and billing platform, and I ask, what new and better products and services for Western Australian energy users have been delivered by Synergy since the Minister's announcement of 2 April 2009?

7945. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to Question on Notice No. 7541, and also the Minister's statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009 that he had developed a five point plan with the board and management of Synergy, and I ask:

- (a) did the five point plan relate to Synergy being able to implement a world-class customer care and billing system and, if not, why did the Minister refer to this issue in his statement to the Legislative Council of 2 April 2009;
- (b) did the five point plan relate to Synergy being able to deliver new and better products and services for Western Australian energy users and, if not, why did the Minister refer to this issue in his statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009;
- (c) did the five point plan relate to Synergy making savings of \$75 million over five years and if not, why did the Minister refer to this issue in his statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009; and
- (d) did the five point plan relate to Synergy delivering improved customer service and, if not, why did the Minister refer to this issue in his statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009?

7946. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister's statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009 that Synergy's new billing system would deliver improved customer service, and I ask whether he continues to believe that Synergy's new billing system delivered improved customer service?

7947. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Minister's statement to the Legislative Council on 2 April 2009 that Synergy's new billing system was a tremendous outcome for Western Australia, and I ask whether he continues to believe that Synergy's new billing system is a tremendous outcome for Western Australia?

7948. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

In relation to the funding of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) projects under the Ethnic Organisations Fund, I ask:

- (a) has the level of funding been increased from \$200,000 per annum since 2009 and, if not, why not;
- (b) how many organisations have received funding;
- (c) which organisations have received funding since 2009;
- (d) have these funding grants met all the needs of Western Australia's CaLD community in terms of receiving adequate services in language support, support for humanitarian entrants in regional areas, family support including mentoring and counselling, employment assistance, youth support and capacity building and, if not, what needs remain unmet;
- (e) has the Office of Multicultural Interests requested annual funding of \$1 million to assist with unmet needs for up to 20 projects; and
- (f) will the Minister table all advice on funding needs for CaLD projects currently requested and, if not, why not?

7949. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the impact that canker is having on native forests in Western Australia, particularly the Marri species?
- (2) Can the Minister table any advice he has received from his agency specifically in relation to canker impacts on Marri species and if not, why not?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the impact that a warmer and drier climate has in contributing to diseases such as canker in our southwest forests?
- (4) Can the minister provide an explanation of the relationship between changes in climate and an increase in canker in native forests and, if not, why not?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of the significant recent increase in tree deaths caused by canker, particularly regarding Marri trees in Western Australia?
- (6) In light of the increased canker-related Marri deaths, is it justifiable to continue the practice of poisoning Marri trees with glyphosate in the southwest of Western Australia and, if yes, please explain why?

7950. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with the Economic Regulation Authority regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7951. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with the Energy Retailers Association of Australia regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7952. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with ERM Power regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7953. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Griffin Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7954. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Horizon Power regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7955. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with the Independent Market Operator regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7956. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Lanco regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7957. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with the Office of Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7958. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Perth Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7959. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Synergy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7960. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with TransAlta Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7961. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Verve Energy regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7962. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Western Power regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7963. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Yancoal regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7964. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Alcoa regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7965. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Alinta regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7966. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with BHP Billiton regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7967. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7968. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with the Department of State Development regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7969. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with the Energy Supply Association regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7970. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's decision to amalgamate Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power to form two utilities and I ask, since 1 January 2012, has the Premier held discussions with Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia regarding this plan, and if so, on what date(s).

7971. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Tourism

With regard to the proposed upgrade of the Rottnest Island golf course:

- (a) has an Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out, including detailed hydrology reports and the likely impacts of chemically treated irrigation on existing groundwater and surrounding lakes;
- (b) as golf courses require large quantities of water to maintain turf quality, from where will the water for the upgraded golf course be sourced;
- (c) what volume of water will be required annually to maintain the golf course;
- (d) will the water used to irrigate the golf course include recycled sewage;
- (e) how much will it cost to provide the water source for irrigation of the golf course;
- (f) how many members are estimated to use the new golf facility when it is in operation, and from where will they come, given that there are limited resident numbers on the Island;

- (g) is there a formal business plan in place for the upgraded golf course and the Country Club being leased to a private operator; and
  - (i) if yes, can the Minister table the business plan; and
  - (ii) if no, why not; and
- (h) what is the estimated annual net profit to the Rottnest Island Authority from the upgraded golf course and Country Club during the first three years of its operation?

7972. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General

Which Government departments, authorities or agencies have taken up and implemented the Substantive Equality Principle?

7973. Mr J.J.M. Bowler to the Minister for Environment

- (1) How many truck and large earthmoving tyres are used annually in Western Australia?
- (2) How many – or what percentage – of these are legally disposed of?
- (3) How many of these are illegally dumped?
- (4) Is there any assistance available for this material to be recycled back into useful materials?

7974. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

- (1) What specific criteria does the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) use to determine whether an unconventional gas proposal requires assessment?
- (2) Does the EPA assess the potential for an unconventional gas extraction plant to release chemicals, gases and waste waters into underground and surface water bodies through leakages and accidents from all underground pipes as a potential risk to the environment?
- (3) Has the EPA assessed the safety and environmental fate of the chemicals in the drilling fluids used by the unconventional gas industry?
- (4) Of the six wells that have been drilled and hydraulically stimulated for unconventional gas extraction in Western Australia since 1998, which ones are required to have long-term groundwater and air monitoring programs; and
  - (a) will the Minister table the results from these programs?
- (5) Have BTEX chemicals been found in any of these monitoring programmes and, if so, will the Minister please provide details?

7975. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Do any of the currently approved unconventional gas extraction operators in Western Australia use drilling fluids that contain BTEX chemicals and, if so, which companies and where are they operating?
- (2) Has the Minister or any other government agency approved the use of BTEX chemicals for use in drilling fluids in the unconventional gas industry in Western Australia and, if so, at which locations and in what quantities?
- (3) What percentage of BTEX chemicals are recovered from unconventional gas operations at each site in Western Australia?
- (4) How are the drilling wastes disposed of at each site operating in Western Australia?
- (5) Does the Government currently have a list of all chemicals used by the unconventional gas industry; and
  - (a) if not, why not;
  - (b) if yes, have these chemicals been assessed for use in the unconventional gas industry in Western Australia; and
  - (c) if not, how has the Government been able to ascertain the long-term impacts on the environment and public health from the use of these chemicals by the unconventional gas industry?

7976. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

In relation to the final report of the 2008 Waterfront Taskforce, I ask:

- (a) has the Minister read, or been briefed on, this report;
- (b) will he table the report in Parliament and, if not, why not; and
- (c) can the Minister explain the reasons for adopting the current proposal when many planning experts acknowledge that the report's recommendations offer a far superior Waterfront outcome and, if not, why not?

7977. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Forestry

I refer to the alleged poisoning of trees (other than Jarrah trees) in the Yabberup forest since 1 September 2011, and I ask:

- (a) what environmental assessments were carried out to assess the level of competition from trees (other than Jarrah trees) in the Yabberup forest; and
  - (i) will they be tabled in Parliament; and
    - (A) if not, why not;
- (b) what was the basal area of competing trees within the Yabberup forest;
- (c) how were the trees selected and demarcated for poisoning;
- (d) who carried out the selection and demarcation of trees for poisoning; and
  - (i) if carried out by contractors, what training did they require to make these assessments;
- (e) what measures are put in place by the Forest Products Commission to ensure compliance by contractors to the Forest Management Plan and relevant guidelines; and
- (f) was the intention of poisoning trees (other than Jarrah trees) to create a monocultured Jarrah plantation upon regeneration after the current harvesting?

7978. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 7211 and the \$608,942 spent in 2011–2012 to date by Western Power's Commercial Performance business area on consultancy and fees for service to accounting firm Deloitte's, I ask:

- (a) what were the specific contracts or service arrangements;
- (b) what was the amount of each contract;
- (c) were the contracts advertised for tender, consistent with State tendering requirements; and
- (d) what was the hourly rate for the contractor?

7979. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 7211 and the \$89,969 spent in 2010–2011 by Western Power's Corporate Affairs business area on consultancy and fees for service to accounting firm Deloitte's, I ask:

- (a) what were the specific contracts or service arrangements;
- (b) what was the amount of each contract;
- (c) were the contracts advertised for tender, consistent with State tendering requirements; and
- (d) what was the hourly rate for the contractor?



7980. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 7211 and the \$453,710 spent in 2011–2012 to date by Western Power's Foundation and Transformation Programs business area on consultancy and fees for service to accounting firm Deloitte's, I ask:

- (a) what were the specific contracts or service arrangements;
- (b) what was the amount of each contract;
- (c) were the contracts advertised for tender, consistent with State tendering requirements; and
- (d) what was the hourly rate for the contractor?

7981. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 7211 and the \$488,270 spent in 2010–2011 to date by Western Power's Strategy Implementation and Continuous Improvement business area on consultancy and fees for service to accounting firm Deloitte's, I ask:

- (a) what were the specific contracts or service arrangements;
- (b) what was the amount of each contract;
- (c) were the contracts advertised for tender, consistent with State tendering requirements; and
- (d) what was the hourly rate for the contractor?

7982. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Brownlie Neighbourhood Masterplan, and I ask:

- (a) what is the status of the Masterplan;
- (b) is it the Government's intent to commence implementation of the Masterplan; and
  - (i) if so, when; and
  - (ii) if not, why not;
- (c) does the Masterplan still assume that the pool will be closed;
- (d) does the Masterplan still assume that schools will be consolidated and, if so, which schools and to which site;
- (e) does the Masterplan still assume that the library will be relocated and, if so, to which location;
- (f) does the Masterplan still assume that the tennis courts will be closed;
- (g) if the Government is no longer committed to the Masterplan, does the Government have any plans in respect of the Brownlie Neighbourhood and, if so, what are those plans;
- (h) is the Government still committed to the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the City of Canning regarding the Bentley Development and, if not, why not;
- (i) has the Government entered into any other agreement concerning the development of the Brownlie Towers precinct and, if so, who are the parties to the agreement(s) and when were the agreement(s) signed?

7983. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Housing

- (1) How many privately owned properties within the Brownlie Towers precinct have been acquired by the Government, and will the Minister please list the properties acquired.
- (2) Does the Government intend to continue to acquire privately owned properties within the Brownlie Towers precinct and, if so, how much money has been allocated to acquire these properties?

7984. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education

In relation to existing primary schools in the electorate of Perth, I ask:

- (a) has forward planning been carried out to establish the need for new primary schools, pre-primary schools, other education establishments or greater capacity in the inner-city;
- (b) will the Minister table these planning documents, and if not, why not;
- (c) what is the current pre-primary, junior primary and primary school student maximum capacity at each primary school in the electorate of Perth (please itemise each one);
- (d) what is the current number of students in those pre-primary, junior primary and primary schools;
- (e) what capacity is there at those schools to take more students and in what areas or grades;
- (f) what is the estimated student demand in the electorate of Perth by:
  - (i) 2015; and
  - (ii) 2020;
- (g) what are the costings to meet this demand;
- (h) will the Minister table these costings and, if not, why not; and
- (i) how many of the schools have land for expansion?

7985. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Forestry

- (1) Is the Minister aware that, according to the Forest Management Plan, railway sleepers supplied to Westnet rail were to be cut from third grade or lower jarrah saw logs?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any sleepers being cut from logs above third grade jarrah saw logs and, if so, will the Minister explain the circumstances in which this occurs?
- (3) Is it the case that, even if mills have an allocation of third grade logs for sleeper production, they may be using higher grade logs for sleepers in order to meet their production targets and so be using high grade logs for a lower grade product?
- (4) Will the Minister take measures to ensure that high grade logs are only used for production of high grade saw timber and not for the production of sleepers?

7986. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Housing

In relation to the 12 historic Henderson Street cottages built in the 1850s in Fremantle, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that these cottages are in a state of disrepair;
- (b) is the Government planning to restore these cottages in Fremantle; and
  - (i) if so, what funds have been allocated for the restoration and what is the timeframe for works;
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (c) what are the plans for the future of these cottages?

7987. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

With regard to the prescribed premises licence conditions for the Mt Weld Rare Earth Operation Concentrator Plant, licence no. L8141/2007/2, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table the ground water monitoring data, including laboratory certificates, for bores LMW1 through to LMW 9 which are required to be analysed quarterly and, if not, why not;

- (b) can the Minister confirm that it is current Department of Environment and Conservation policy for all monitoring data arising from licence conditions of prescribed premises to be made public upon request from the Department;
- (c) can the Minister confirm that radiation monitoring of rare earth concentrate will take place from the Wiluna mine site to the Fremantle port; and
  - (i) if so, will the Minister make the results of the monitoring publicly available; and
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (d) on what date is it anticipated that the first shipment of concentrate will leave the mine site for Fremantle?

7988. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

What was the average electricity bill issued by Synergy between 1 January and 30 April 2012 in the following suburbs:

- (a) Bayswater;
- (b) Bedford;
- (c) Embleton;
- (d) Inglewood;
- (e) Maylands; and
- (f) Morley?

7989. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance

I refer to the refurbishment of Hale House, and ask, in relation to the display of artwork:

- (a) as at 1 May 2012, how many types of artwork, including painting, murals or sculptures, have been selected for Hale House;
- (b) what is the type or style of art for each piece of artwork;
- (c) what is the name of the artwork;
- (d) what is the name of the artist who created the artwork;
- (e) what is the country or state of origin of each piece of artwork;
- (f) what is the cost of each piece of artwork that will be displayed at Hale House;
- (g) from whom was the artwork purchased; and
- (h) who paid for the purchase of each piece of artwork?

7990. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance

I refer to the refurbishment of Hale House, and ask, in relation to the display of artwork, will any sculptures from this year's Cottesloe Sculpture By The Sea event be displayed at Hale House and, if so:

- (a) what is the name of the sculpture;
- (b) what was the cost of the sculpture;
- (c) what is the country or state of origin of the sculpture;
- (d) when was the sculpture purchased;
- (e) who selected the sculpture;
- (f) who purchased the sculpture;
- (g) who paid for the sculpture; and
- (h) where will the sculpture be displayed?

7991. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering

I refer to applications for the seniors' security or fire rebate, and I ask:

- (a) which personnel handle and examine those applications;
- (b) do volunteers have any role in the processing of these applications and, if so, what role;
- (c) what is the average time taken to process an application; and
- (d) what is the current backlog?

7992. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Health

(1) What is the amount contributed by the State Government to cancer research in the years:

- (a) 2008–2009;
- (b) 2009–2010;
- (c) 2010–2011; and
- (d) 2011–2012 to date?

(2) Would the Minister please outline all components of these contributions for each year?

7993. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Western Australian Government's decision not to participate in the joint Commonwealth-State Home and Community Care Program, and I ask:

- (a) what is the rationale for this decision;
- (b) what advantages does the Minister envisage by not participating; and
- (c) was this decision one that was taken at Cabinet level?

7994. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Health

- (1) What projections, if any, have been made by the Health Department as to the number of Western Australians anticipated to be suffering from all forms of dementia in 2015, 2020, and 2030?
- (2) What projections, if any, have been made by the Health Department as to the number of Western Australians anticipated to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease in 2015, 2020, and 2030?

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