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2880. Hon Helen Bullock to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services

2881. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry

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2882. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services

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2883. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing

With regard to the Department of Housing and Works' contracts and tenders, I ask -

- (1) How many of the Department's building contracts and tenders, including contracts for public housing, that were let in the Pilbara region during the past 12 months, have gone to local organisations, companies or businesses?
- (2) In relation to (1), -
 - (a) what are the names of these organisations and businesses;
 - (b) what are the details of these contracts and tenders, including the number of houses and other facilities built under these arrangements, in each of the Pilbara towns?
- (3) If none to (1), why not?
- (4) How many of the Department's building contracts and tenders, including contracts for public housing, that have been let in the Pilbara region during the last 12 months, have incorporated training programs for local Indigenous people?
- (5) If none to (4), why not?
- (6) In relation to (4), how many local Indigenous people, -
 - (a) have been trained; and
 - (b) in what capacity?
- (7) Were non-local Indigenous people trained or employed as part of workforce for the Department's building contracts and tenders?
- (8) If yes to (7), in what capacity?
- (9) How many of the Department's building contracts and tenders, including contracts for public housing, that have been let in the in the Pilbara region during the last 12 months, have led to the employment of Indigenous people?
- (10) In relation to (9), how many Indigenous people,
 - (a) were employed; and
 - (b) in what capacity?

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2884. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

In relation to Mining Lease 04/81, Intention to Forfeit notice published in the Government Gazette of 25 June 2010, and a letter from the Department of Mines and Petroleum to Markku Sarubin, dated 28 June 2010, I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister specify the deficiencies in the leaseholders completed Form five Operations Report that are cited as the basis for the Intention to Forfeit Mining Lease M04/81 notice?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

2885. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands

In relation to Mining Lease 04/81 at Quondong Point north of Broome, I ask -

- (1) Given that Mining Lease 04/81 is no longer considered to be a strategic location, as it is outside the area of the State Government's James Price Point compulsory acquisition order, will the Minister now honour the assurances of his predecessors, most notably Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLA, who in 2002 approved her Department's proposal to grant a lease for a period of ten years, for the purpose of non-intensive agriculture, and create a special lease for the Sarubin family on the 9.68ha parcel of land, otherwise known as Mining Lease 04/81, they have occupied for the past 30 years?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister consider offering some form of recompense to the Sarubin family, in the form of an alternative parcel of land on which to build a home, or a cash payment in recognition of more than 20 years of broken promises, contradictory advice and unmet assurances by successive Ministers for Lands and other Government Agencies?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

2886. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

In reference to CO₂e emissions and commercial and non commercial flights in Western Australia, I ask -

- (1) Does the Department have figures for the CO₂e released from plane flights within Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), what are those figures?
- (3) If no to (1), -
 - (a) why not; and
 - (b) why are these figures not acquired or kept to enable CO₂e levels to be attributed to Western Australia?
- (4) Does the Department keep records of the kilometres flown within Western Australia?
- (5) If yes to (4), what are those figures?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

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- (7) If no to (4), why are these figures not acquired or kept to enable CO₂e levels to be attributed to Western Australia?

2887. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

In reference to prescribed burns carried out by the Department of Conservation in 2009-10, and unmanaged bush fires, I ask -

- (1) Does the Department keep records of the square kilometres burnt by prescribed burns in Western Australia?
- (2) Is yes to (1), how much was burnt in 2009-10?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Does the Department keep records of the square kilometres burnt by unmanaged bush fires in Western Australia?
- (5) If yes to (4), how much was burnt in 2009-10?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?
- (7) Does the Department have a figure for CO₂e released in 2009-10 as a result of prescribed burns?
- (8) If yes to (7), will the Minister table those figures?
- (9) If no to (7), -
 - (a) why not; and
 - (b) why are these figures not acquired or kept to enable CO₂e levels to be attributed to Western Australia?
- (10) Does the Department have a figure for CO₂e released in 2009-10 as a result of unmanaged bush fires in Western Australia?
- (11) If yes to (10), will the Minister table those figures?
- (12) If no to (10), -
 - (a) why not; and
 - (b) why are these figures not acquired or kept to enable CO₂e levels to be attributed to Western Australia?

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2888. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning

How many homes exist within the boundaries of the Cockburn Cement Munster plant emissions airshed?

2889. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Has the Department mapped the boundaries of the emissions airshed for the Cockburn Cement plant in Munster?
- (2) Will the Minister please provide a map outlining the boundaries of the Cockburn Cement Ltd airshed?
- (3) How do the boundaries of the Kwinana Air Quality Buffer compare to the boundaries of the Cockburn Cement Ltd airshed?

2890. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the answers given to my question on notice No. 2645 on 23 September 2010, and ask -

- (1) What are the terms of reference of the Native Vegetation Working Group?
- (2) Will the Working Group's report to the Minister be made public?
- (3) Will the public be able to provide submissions to the proposed policy on native vegetation?
- (4) Regarding the answer given to (2), of my previous question on notice, how does the Department of Environment and Conservation assess priority of one region over another?
- (5) Regarding the statement at page eight of the report of the Environmental Stakeholder Advisory Group (ESAG), that the Environmental Protection Authority has made a commitment in the 2007 State of the Environment Report to undertake a review of native vegetation clearing data, and ESAG members look forward to the outcome of that review, -
 - (a) has this review commenced;
 - (b) if no to (5)(a), when will it commence;
 - (c) how much funding has been allocated to this review; and
 - (d) will the review when undertaken be made public?

2891. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) For each prison, how many prisoners have been charged with offences which breach the Department of Corrective Services' Smoking Reduction Plan?
- (2) How many of these were second or subsequent offences by the same prisoner?
- (3) What are the offences?
- (4) How many prisoners have been charged with each type of offence?

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(5) In each case, what punishment was imposed?

2892. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

During the debate on my disallowance motion, regarding the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection (European House Borer) Amendment Regulations 2010*, you stated that you would obtain from the Minister and forward to me the answers to following questions, and I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that in all cases when an official directs an owner or occupier (apart from a Government Department) of a property in a priority management zone to store, treat or destroy pinewood or pine trees, the European House Borer eradication program will pay the cost?
- (2) If no to (1), -
 - (a) who pays the cost; and
 - (b) what process is available to have the direction reviewed?
- (3) Regarding the decision of the Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts of 21 April 2010 that subject to specified conditions regarding replacement of removed pine trees with specified native species, the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food's proposed action is not a controlled action, I ask:
 - (a) where are these replacement plantings occurring;
 - (b) are the plantings on the same land as the removed trees;
 - (c) what species are being planted;
 - (d) do the species described in answer to (3)(b) provide habitat and food for Carnaby's black cockatoo and other cockatoos;
 - (e) who is doing the planting; and
 - (f) who is monitoring to ensure a 90 percent survival rate of new plantings is achieved?

2893. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Referring to the Department of State Development's role under the lead Agency framework in the facilitation of the Vasse Coal Project, I note that according to page six of the Lead Agency Framework, the lead 'agency is responsible for providing proponents with information on statutory requirements and coordinating the necessary approval processes. This includes assisting proponents to identify the potential impacts of the proposal on matters such as infrastructure, the environment and regional communities as well as the social considerations that arise from the proposal'. I therefore ask -

- (1) What information did the Department provide regarding the impact of the proposal on regional communities?
- (2) With reference to (1), can the Minister please table this information?
- (3) What information did the Department provide on the social considerations that arise from the proposal?

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- (4) With reference to (3), can the Minister please table this information.
- (5) What research or consultation was carried out by the Department before providing the information in (1) and (3)?
- (6) Has a memorandum of understanding with the proponents been drafted or signed?

2894. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the dissolution of the Hairdressers' Registration Board (HRB) and the remaining funds, and ask -

- (1) How much money will be remaining in the HRB accounts once the HRB is disbanded?
- (2) Will any of this money be returned to hairdressing practitioners?
- (3) If yes to (2), how much?
- (4) Will any of this money be transferred to General Revenue?
- (5) If yes to (4), how much?
- (6) Will any of this money be transferred to the Department of Commerce?
- (7) If yes to (6), how much?
- (8) Will any of this money be quarantined to assist in developing a self-regulation regime?
- (9) If yes to (8), how much?
- (10) Will the Minister commit to using any of those funds to assist the industry in setting up a self-regulation regime?

2895. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to the implementation of the national curriculum, and ask -

- (1) Has the Minister determined how the \$5 million earmarked in the 2010-11 Budget, for costs associated with implementing the national curriculum will be spent?
- (2) If yes to (1), please provide details of what this funding will be used for?
- (3) When will this funding be spent?
- (4) How many staff in the Department of Education's Central Office, are working specifically on tasks relating to the implementation of the national curriculum?
- (5) When will teachers be advised about the process for the implementation of the national curriculum, including access to professional development about the implementation?

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2896. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to the Burrup Rock Art Monitoring Program (BRAMP), and the Burrup Rock Art Monitoring Management Committee (BRAMMC), and I ask -

- (1) Does the BRAMP still exist?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Does the BRAMMC still exist?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the Minister identify its membership?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Did the BRAMP ever acquire data that reflected the impact of the emissions from Burrup Fertilisers?
- (7) If yes to (6), how?
- (8) If no to (6), why not?
- (9) Is there any intention to continue monitoring the effect of emissions on the Dampier Archipelago petroglyphs?
- (10) If yes to (9), -
 - (a) how will this be achieved; and
 - (b) will reports be forthcoming?
- (11) If no to (9), why not?
- (12) When were the air emission monitoring stations removed?
- (13) Why were the air emission monitoring stations removed?
- (14) For how many years or months, were the emission monitoring stations actually operative?
- (15) Will the Minister table all data pertaining to each station by recording intervals for the life of the stations?

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