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**QUESTIONS**

**No. 207**

**Wednesday, 16 May 2012**

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 6 March 2012**

5187. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health (*SO107(2) response – 2 May 2012*)  
5198. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health (*SO107(2) response – 2 May 2012*)  
5212. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment  
(*SO107(2) response – 2 May 2012*)

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 20 March 2012**

5329. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State  
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**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 21 March 2012**

5351. Hon Ed Dermer to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 27 March 2012**

5361. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health  
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5365. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health  
5366. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health  
5367. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport  
5369. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment  
5370. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment  
5374. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

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5376. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

5378. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Energy

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5381. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands

5382. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer

5384. Hon Ljiljana Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

5385. Hon Ljiljana Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

5386. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

5387. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

**Notice Given** **Thursday, 29 March 2012**

5391. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

5396. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing

5398. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

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- 5436. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

***Notice Given Tuesday, 1 May 2012***

- 5439. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 5440. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police
- 5441. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health
- 5442. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5443. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5444. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries
- 5445. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries
- 5446. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- 5447. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5448. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 5449. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5450. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- 5451. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5452. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5453. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 5454. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5455. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police

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- 5456. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5457. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5458. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5459. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Regional Development
- 5460. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5461. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Disability Services
- 5462. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5463. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5464. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5465. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5466. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5467. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5468. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health
- 5469. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health
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- 5486. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5487. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5488. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 5489. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry
- 5490. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

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5491. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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5494. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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5500. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
5501. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
5502. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water
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5513. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing
5514. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Commerce
5515. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
5517. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Community Services
5518. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
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5524. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
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5526. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
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5528. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
5529. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health
5530. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer
5531. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
5532. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Science and Innovation

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 2 May 2012**

5533. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
5534. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
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5546. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
5547. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
5548. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing
5549. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 3 May 2012**

5550. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
5551. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
5552. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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5554. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport  
5555. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport  
5556. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport  
5557. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police

*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, 15 May 2012*

5558. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection  
5559. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection  
5560. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for State Development  
5561. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier  
5562. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier  
5563. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment  
5564. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services  
5565. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food  
5566. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment  
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5571. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment  
5572. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs  
5573. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum  
5574. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water  
5575. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development  
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5585. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport  
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- 5589. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
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- 5592. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- 5593. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning
- 5594. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Heritage
- 5595. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water
- 5596. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry
- 5597. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum



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**QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY**


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*Notice Given**Wednesday, 16 May 2012***5598. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries**

- (1) How many commercial fishing licences are operating in the Northern Carnarvon Basin petroleum acreage release area that was released this month for applications for exploration permits?
- (2) Of the licences in (1) —
  - (a) has any application been received for transfer of the licence within the last 12 months; and
  - (b) is the Minister, or his Department, aware of any impending application for transfer of licence?
- (3) If yes to (2)(a) and/or (b), in how many cases is the recipient, or would-be recipient, of the transferred licence a mining company?
- (4) Of these in (3), what nature and quantity of fishing is authorised by the licence (including any conditions imposed on the licence)?

**5599. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

I refer to question on notice No. 5304, and I ask —

- (1) Has the Wheatbelt Traffic Office for Investigation completed the investigation into the cause of the accident?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table the findings in the report?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

**5600. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food**

I refer to the Minister's response to my question on notice No. 5267 that 'the State Government supports compliance with the code as the basis for good management of free range birds for egg production', and I ask —

- (1) Will the Minister oppose the move by the Australian Egg Corporation Limited (AECL) to institute a legally binding definition of 'free range' in relation to laying hens to include outside access from five weeks after the start of laying, that is, at 25 to 26 weeks of age, given that this is clearly contrary to the Code?
- (2) I refer to the Minister's response to item (1) of my question on notice No. 5219, and ask what steps the Minister will take to ensure that hens 'are regularly rotated into fresh range areas and close management is undertaken which provides some continuing fodder cover' where stocking densities for free range laying hens exceed the 1,500 per hectare recommended by the Code?

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**5601. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Tourism**

With regard to the financial management of Rottnest Island, I ask —

- (1) Are business operators on the island subsidised by the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) for the cost of utilities?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
  - (a) why are they subsidised; and
  - (b) what is the cost to taxpayers of the subsidy?
- (3) What is the estimated annual net profit to the RIA from the upgraded golf course and country club during the first three years of operation?

**5602. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

I refer to the Port Geographe canal estate development, and I ask —

- (1) What responsibility does the State Government accept in relation to the seaweed and coastal erosion problems affecting the development?
- (2) Has the State Government been approached to fund the removal of the seaweed that continues to accumulate and emit a disagreeable odour?
- (3) If yes to (2), has the State Government agreed to pay any money for this purpose?
- (4) If yes to (3) —
  - (a) how much money has the Government agreed to pay;
  - (b) how much money has been paid so far and when; and
  - (c) how much money is still to be paid and when will this happen?
- (5) Which government body is responsible for managing the ongoing seaweed accumulation and odour emission problem?
- (6) Is it a state or local government issue?

**5603. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health**

Further to my question without notice No. 168, asked on 29 March 2012, regarding the building site at 190 Station Street, East Cannington at which asbestos was found in late February 2012, I ask —

- (1) Given that the Department of Health is responsible for the local council acting as its agent to ensure compliance with the *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996*, why was the Department of Health not aware of the issue and what steps have been taken in relation to it?
- (2) Has the building site at 190 Station Street, East Cannington been re-inspected by Canning Council to ensure that no asbestos remains at the building site?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), what was the result of the inspection?
- (5) Is the Minister for Health aware that there is a primary school and kindergarten in close proximity to the building site?

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- (6)     Were dust samples taken from the area surrounding the building site after the removal of the asbestos to analyse the extent of asbestos pollution in the neighbourhood?
- (7)     If no to (6), why not?
- (8)     If yes to (6), what was the result of the analysis?
- (9)     Has the Department for Health been notified that the contractor who removed the asbestos did so without protective clothing?
- (10)   If yes to (9), did the Department for Health notify WorkSafe of the incident?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**  
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