



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2023

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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#### QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

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##### **Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 15 August 2023**

1521. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education (SO108(2) response due 17 October 2023)
1532. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (SO108(2) response due 17 October 2023)

##### **Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 16 August 2023**

1533. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (SO108(2) response due 17 October 2023)

##### **Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 29 August 2023**

1569. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health

##### **Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 30 August 2023**

1584. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
1588. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

##### **Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 31 August 2023**

1600. Hon Steve Martin to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment; Climate Action; Racing and Gaming
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##### **Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 12 September 2023**

1603. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports
1604. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports
1605. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy

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1611. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services  
1612. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health  
1613. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

**Notice Given**                    **Thursday, 14 September 2023**

1614. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Finance  
1615. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education  
1616. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education  
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1623. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education  
1624. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy  
1625. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce  
1626. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing  
1628. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Hydrogen Industry; Industrial Relations

**Notice Given**                    **Tuesday, 19 September 2023**

1630. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health  
1631. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Commerce  
1632. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police  
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1637. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 20 September 2023**

1638. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1639. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

1640. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

1641. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1642. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education

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1646. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health

1647. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

1648. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Finance

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 21 September 2023**

1649. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

1650. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport

1651. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management

1652. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

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1655. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services

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1657. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

1658. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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- 1660. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1661. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 1662. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry
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**1664. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the *Forest Products Commission (FPC) Half Yearly Report*, and I ask:

- (a) why did the FPC report a pre-tax operating profit despite the budgeted forecast loss for the period;
- (b) the report lists plantations as inline with expectations, native forest sales as down, more production of low quality and lower price products and reduced returns for sandalwood. Which sales, if any, were above expectations for the period, and in what dollar amount; and
- (c) the report suggests costs are down, leading to better than budgeted performance. Which costs, and to what dollar amount are costs down relative to what was budgeted?

**1665. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:**

In regards to section 7.12AC(2) of the *Local Government Act 1996* which requires an auditor to consult with the Minister before exercising a right to dispense with any or all of a financial audit, and I ask:

- (a) since 30 June 2020, how many times has this provision been utilised;
- (b) how many local government audits were affected;
- (c) which local government audits were affected;
- (d) were any audits completely dispensed with; and
- (e) if yes to (d), which audits were completely dispensed with?

**1666. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:**

- (1) Since 30 Jun 2020, has the Minister delegated his authority to act under s9.13A of the *Local Government Act*?
- (2) If yes to (1), to whom was it delegated?
- (3) On what date was it delegated?
- (4) For what purpose was it delegated?
- (5) On which local governments were the powers exercised?
- (6) How many times has the Minister used his authority under s9.13A?
- (7) In regards to (6), for each occasion, on what date was the authority exercised by the Minister?

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- (8) In regards to (6), for each occasion, which local governments was the authority exercised by the Minister?
- (9) In regards to (6), for each occasion, for what purpose was the authority exercised by the Minister?

**1667. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Denmark Railway Station Historical precinct, and I ask:

- (a) has the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation conducted any contaminated site testing of the land and groundwater under the site;
- (b) if yes to (a), what was the result of the testing; and
- (c) if no to (a), is testing planned to be done and, if so, when?

**1668. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) For each of the Department of Communities Child protection offices in Metropolitan Perth, please provide to the end of each month, or nearest reporting date, between December 2022 and August 2023:
- (a) the vacancy data, in FTE and as a percentage of total allocation, for all roles; and
- (b) the vacancy data, in FTE and as a percentage of total allocation, for case carrying roles?
- (2) For each of the Department of Communities Child protection offices in regional Western Australia, please provide to the end of each month, or nearest reporting date, between December 2022 and August 2023:
- (a) the vacancy data, in FTE and as a percentage of total allocation, for all roles; and
- (b) the vacancy data, in FTE and as a percentage of total allocation, for case carrying roles?

**1669. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Finance:**

- (1) For each financial year since 2017-18, and for each Government Department and agency, what was the number of consultancy contracts awarded to:
- (a) Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC);
- (b) Ernst and Young (EY);
- (c) Deloitte; and
- (d) Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG)?
- (2) For each financial year since 2017-18, and for each Government Department and agency, what was the total value of consultancy contracts awarded to:
- (a) Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC);
- (b) Ernst and Young (EY);

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- (c) Deloitte; and
- (d) Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG)?

**1670. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Hydrogen Industry; Industrial Relations:**

- (1) What is the current status of the Waggon Creek-1 and Vienta-1 onshore petroleum wells in the East Kimberley and who is legally responsible for them?
- (2) When did the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) last inspect these two wells?
- (3) Were integrity tests undertaken on these two wells to determine whether there were any issues with the casing and cement integrity and if there were any potential gas leaks with either well:
  - (a) if yes to (3), what were the results; and
  - (b) if no to (3), why not?
- (4) Following the inspection, did DMIRS create a report on the status and condition of the wells and the works required to decommission them safely and rehabilitate the sites:
  - (a) if yes to (4), will the Minister release the report; and
  - (b) if no to (4), why not?
- (5) What is the current legal status of the Exploration Permit EP386 upon which these wells are located?
- (6) Do any of the following companies retain any legal rights or legal obligations over EP386:
  - (a) Onshore Energy Ltd;
  - (b) Advent Energy Ltd; and
  - (c) MEC Resources Ltd?
- (7) If yes to 6(a), (b) or (c):
  - (a) what are those legal rights or legal obligations?
- (8) Which entity, government or private, is now liable for the cost of safely decommissioning and rehabilitating the Waggon Creek-1 and Vienta-1 wells and well sites?
- (9) What is the estimated cost of safely decommissioning and rehabilitating these two wells?
- (10) Were any of the companies named above in breach of DMIRS licence conditions or Directions Notices:
  - (a) if yes to (10), which company or companies, what were the breaches and when did the breaches occur?
- (11) Is DMIRS considering options by which it can recover the cost of safely decommissioning and rehabilitating these two wells:
  - (a) if yes to (11), what means are being considered and when will DMIRS make a decision on cost recovery?

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- (12) What does DMIRS currently estimate to be the total financial liabilities relating to abandoned but not safely decommissioned or rehabilitated onshore petroleum wells across WA, including the New Standard Energy Ltd and Onshore Energy Ltd wells?
- (13) Will the Minister support the creation of a pooled industry fund to ensure the public does not have to cover the cost of onshore petroleum companies' negligence in relation to safely decommissioning and rehabilitating petroleum wells:
- (a) if no to (13), why not?

**1671. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's interview on ABC Perth on 1 August, 2023 regarding fracking in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) what are the oil and gas company's 'rights and interests' that the incoming government had to respect;
- (b) did the onshore gas exploration companies with interests in the South West, Peel and Perth regions from which fracking is now banned have the same legal rights as the oil and gas companies operating in the Kimberley;
- (c) if yes to (b), why was the government able to ban fracking in the Southwest, Peel and Perth regions but not in the Kimberley;
- (d) did the onshore gas exploration companies in the South West, Peel and Perth regions with granted Exploration Permits (EP's) for petroleum seek compensation due to the ban;
- (e) if yes to (d), did the government provide any compensation to them;
- (f) have the veto rights for landholders and Traditional Owners promised by the government been put in place;
- (g) if yes to (f), when did that occur;
- (h) if no to (f), when will it occur;
- (i) does the government believe that having hundreds and possibly thousands of gas wells and associated pipelines and roads spread across the West Kimberley under existing petroleum EP's is compatible with the region's unique and globally recognised natural values and nature-based industries; and
- (j) if yes to (i), on what basis?

**1672. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the 30 recommendations from the inquiry into the death of Aishwarya Aswath at Perth Children's Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) how many of these recommendations have been implemented in full;
- (b) how many have not been finalised; and
- (c) for each recommendation not finalised in (b), what is the reason why?



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**1673. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to Perth Children's Hospital Ward 5A, and ask:

- (a) for each year since its opening, how many requests for repairs have been made for ward 5A;
- (b) of these requests, how long did it take for the repairs and have they all been completed;
- (c) did any of the infrastructure requests breach the Chief Psychiatrists Sexual Safety recommendations;
- (d) have there been any staff complaints regarding infrastructure issues on ward 5A; and
- (e) were any repairs for security-related concerns, what did they address and at what cost?

**1674. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to Perth Children's Hospital Ward 5A, and ask:

- (a) each year since it opened, how many incidences of violence against staff have occurred; and
- (b) each year since it opened, how many incidences of violence against patients have occurred?

**1675. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to Perth Children's Hospital Ward 5A, and ask:

- (a) what is the current staffing for Ward 5A;
- (b) how many of the medical, nursing and allied health staff positions are currently filled by permanent staff - not contractors, locums or casuals;
- (c) for each of the past 3 years, how many medical staff have resigned from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS);
- (d) for each of the past 3 years, how many senior nurses have resigned from CAMHS;
- (e) for each of the past 3 years, how many nurses have resigned from CAMHS;
- (f) as of 10 October 2023, how many vacancies (not permanently filled) are in CAMHS for each of the professions, medical, nursing, allied health; and
- (g) how many locum doctors are currently employed at CAMHS?

**1676. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to Perth Children's Hospital Ward 5A, and ask:

- (a) was there a disturbance in the ward in 2022 that required police attendance;
- (b) if yes to (a), what was the nature of the disturbance;
- (c) have any investigations been undertaken into the disturbance;

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- (d) if yes to the (c), what were the recommendations and have they been implemented in full;
- (e) were any staff or patients injured during the disturbance; and
- (f) what was the cost of repairs following the disturbance?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council