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2339. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development

2340. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern

2341. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government; Racing and Gaming; Multicultural Interests and Citizenship; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure; Goldfields-Esperance; Youth

2342. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation

2343. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Attorney General; Health; Electoral Affairs

2344. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Employment Protection; Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information

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2347. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Education and Training; South West

2348. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Energy; Resources; Industry and Enterprise

2349. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

2350. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Corrective Services; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations

2351. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Peel

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2369. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government

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2385. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Education and Training

2386. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier; Minister for Federal-State Relations; Trade; Innovation; Science; Public Sector Management

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2414. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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- 2416. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy
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- 2418. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Water Resources
- 2419. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 2432. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government

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- 2433. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
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- 2442. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer
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- 2444. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier
- 2445. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Deputy Premier

Tuesday, 19 June 2007

- 2446. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

2447. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to the letter the Minister wrote to me on 1 June 2007, ref: 17-015163-DO07/157891, and ask -

- (a) what was the budget and actual expenditure on the statewide toilet upgrade program in each of the financial years -
  - (i) 2003-2004;
  - (ii) 2004-2005;
  - (iii) 2005-2006; and
  - (iv) 2006-2007;
- (b) which schools have had toilets upgraded in the program in each of those years;
- (c) will the Minister provide the Department of Education and Training feasibility study for toilet upgrades at Donnybrook District High School listed in paragraph three of the Minister's letter; and -
  - (i) if not, why not; and
- (d) in paragraph four, the Minister suggested the school put forward a submission to the district office in Bunbury. Has the school previously put forward any submissions, either individually or as part of a district high school sector review?

2448. Dr K.D. Hames to the Attorney General

I refer to the Office of the Chief Coroner, and ask -

- (a) what is the current FTE staffing level in the agency;
- (b) does the agency have any performance indicators; and
  - (i) if so, what are they;
- (c) what have been the results of these performance indicators over the past three years;
- (d) over the past 10 years, what was the average time taken for the Coroner to give his report on an individual case and how does the average time relate to the performance indicators;
- (e) how do these times relate to the past three years;
- (f) over the past three years, has the Coroner requested additional resources;
- (g) on how many occasions were those requests made;
- (h) what was the Government's response to those requests; and
- (i) how many investigations has the Coroner had to conduct for each year over the last three years?

2449. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise -

- (a) for each of the metropolitan hospitals, which employment agencies have been used to obtain agency personnel since 1 July 2001; and
- (b) how many agency staff have been employed, and in what positions?

2450. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the minister advise what Government programs aimed at childhood intervention, in response to the special development needs of children and adolescents, were available for each year from 2001-2006?
- (2) What funds were available for these programs for each year?
- (3) What number of child psychologists were employed by the Health Department for each year?

2451. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

How many patients were treated at each of the dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics during the following years -

- (a) 2001-2002;
- (b) 2002-2003;
- (c) 2003-2004;
- (d) 2004-2005; and
- (e) 2005-2006?

2452. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

What are the latest figures for people waiting for dental work at each of the Perth Dental Hospitals and other government dental clinics in terms of waiting times and the total number of people waiting for treatment?

2453. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

I refer to rural and regional public hospitals, and ask -

- (a) how many vacancies were there for doctors as at 1 June 2007 in each regional and rural public hospital in Western Australia;
- (b) where were those vacancies and for how long have these vacancies existed;
- (c) how many vacancies were there for nurses at 1 June 2007 in each regional and rural public hospital in Western Australia; and
- (d) where were those vacancies and for how long have these vacancies existed?

2454. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Fremantle Hospital from 1 February 2003 to date?
- (2) Who were the consultants?
- (3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?
- (4) What is the duration of each consultancy?
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy?
- (6) What are the terms of reference of each consultancy?

2455. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each of the years from 2001 to 2006, which clinical departments have been asked to cut FTEs and by how many in each of the following hospitals -

- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
- (c) Fremantle Hospital;
- (d) Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (e) King Edward Memorial Hospital; and
- (f) Joondalup Hospital?

2456. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each of the metropolitan hospitals, can the Minister table how many staff (FTEs) are employed in the areas of -

- (a) Human Resources;
- (b) Industrial Relations;
- (c) Finance and Accounting;
- (d) Information technology;
- (e) Supply;
- (f) Maintenance;
- (g) Public Relations/Media; and
- (h) Hotel and Catering?

2457. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each of the following hospitals -

- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
- (c) Fremantle Hospital;
- (d) Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (e) King Edward Memorial Hospital; and
- (f) Joondalup Hospital,

can the Minister advise how many surgical procedures were performed by consultants working on a sessional basis for each of the following years -

- (i) 2001-2002;
- (ii) 2002-2003;
- (iii) 2003-2004;
- (iv) 2004-2005; and
- (v) 2005-2006?

2458. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each of the following hospitals -

- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;



- (c) Fremantle Hospital;
- (d) Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (e) King Edward Memorial Hospital; and
- (f) Joondalup Hospital,

can the Minister advise -

- (i) how many wards were closed on 1 March 2007; and
- (ii) how many beds were closed on 1 March 2007?

2459. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of King Edward Memorial Hospital from 1 February 2003 to date?
- (2) Who were the consultants?
- (3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?
- (4) What is the duration of each consultancy?
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy?
- (6) What are the terms of reference of each consultancy?

2460. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise which hospitals in Western Australia utilise orderlies or hospital service assistants employed through contractors?
- (2) For each hospital -
  - (a) which company has the contract;
  - (b) when was the contract awarded;
  - (c) on what date does the contract expire;
  - (d) what was the original contract cost of the contract; and
  - (e) what is the annual cost of the contract?

2461. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Princess Margaret Hospital from 1 February 2003 to date?
- (2) Who were the consultants?
- (3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?
- (4) What is the duration of each consultancy?
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy?
- (6) What are the terms of reference of each consultancy?

2462. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each department or agency in the Health portfolio, and for each of the following financial years, -

- (a) 2001-2002;
- (b) 2002-2003;

- (c) 2003-2004;
- (d) 2004-2005; and
- (e) 2005-2006,

can the Minister provide the following information -

- (i) on how many occasions did each department or agency use the services of a public relations/media consultancy; and
- (ii) for each occasion, what was the -
  - (A) nature of the occasion/event/project;
  - (B) name of the contractor/consultancy; and
  - (C) cost of the contract/consultancy?

2463. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Royal Perth Hospital from 1 February 2003 to date?
- (2) Who were the consultants?
- (3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?
- (4) What is the duration of each consultancy?
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy?
- (6) What are the terms of reference of each consultancy?

2464. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital from 1 February 2003 to date?
- (2) Who were the consultants?
- (3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?
- (4) What is the duration of each consultancy?
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy?
- (6) What are the terms of reference of each consultancy?

2465. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise how many speech pathologists were employed by the Health Department as at 1 July for each of the years 2001 to 2006 inclusive?

2466. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each department or agency in the Health portfolio, can the Minister provide the following information -

- (a) for the following years -
  - (i) 2001-2002;
  - (ii) 2002-2003;
  - (iii) 2003-2004;

(iv) 2004-2005; and

(v) 2005-2006,

how many staff were recruited to each department or agency in each of the following categories -

(A) Senior Executive Service; and

(B) Levels 1-8;

(b) of the above staff -

(i) how many were recruited internally; and

(ii) how many were recruited through external agencies;

(c) what are the names of the external agencies used; and

(d) what was the cost of using external agencies for each of the above years?

2467. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise how many people in Western Australia are currently waiting to see specialists to decide whether they should go on a public hospital waiting list for surgery?

2468. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise what are the latest figures for people waiting for dental work at each of the metropolitan dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics in terms of average waiting times and the total number of people waiting for treatment?

2469. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) Can the Minister advise the date that he first learnt that the Member for Kalgoorlie had proposed a new system that would see violent and disruptive students removed from mainstream classrooms in favour of offsite classrooms?

(2) Can the Minister advise how he first learnt that the Member for Kalgoorlie had proposed this initiative?

(3) Can the Minister advise what his response was to the initiative proposed by the Member for Kalgoorlie?

2470. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Kookaburra Caravan Park in Busselton, and ask –

(a) is there a proposal to rezone the Caravan Park to residential to make way for a housing development; and

(i) if so, what provisions will be made for the permanent residents who live in the middle camp of the caravan park;

(b) will the heritage peppermint trees on the caravan park be retained; and -

(i) if not, what will happen to the long established colony of ringtail possums that have made their home in the peppermint trees;

- (c) if the caravan park is being relocated to the oval at the end of the football field, what shade will be made available to campers; and
- (d) what will happen to the Pioneer Cemetery that is adjacent to the Kookaburra Caravan Park?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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