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**THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland)** took the chair at 2.00 pm, and read prayers.

## SENATE VACANCY — ELECTION OF PATRICK LIONEL DODSON

*Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland):** I advise that a joint sitting of both houses was held on Thursday, 28 April 2016 and that Patrick Lionel Dodson was duly elected as a senator of the commonwealth Parliament.

## CHAMBER SEATING PLAN

*Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland):** Members are advised that I have approved an amended seating plan for the government side of the house.

## “REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE LORD MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PERTH MS LISA SCAFFIDI”

*Statement by Minister for Local Government*

**MR A.J. SIMPSON (Darling Range — Minister for Local Government)** [2.01 pm]: I advise that in November 2015, the director general of the Department of Local Government and Communities authorised an inquiry into matters arising from a Corruption and Crime Commission report concerning the Lord Mayor of the City of Perth, Ms Lisa Scaffidi. The inquiry was concerned with the question of whether Mayor Scaffidi had complied with her obligations under the Local Government Act 1995 and subsidiary legislation to disclose gifts she had received and contributions that had been made to travel that she had undertaken. The report alleges that Mayor Scaffidi failed on multiple occasions between 1 January 2008 and 12 October 2015 to disclose gifts and contributions to travel in the annual returns that she was required to lodge with the City of Perth’s chief executive officer. The report also makes other findings regarding Mayor Scaffidi’s conduct.

The director general of the Department of Local Government and Communities has considered the various ways these matters can be dealt with. The director general considers that the most appropriate course is to commence proceedings in the State Administrative Tribunal, alleging that the Lord Mayor has committed serious breaches. The director general is seeking advice from the State Solicitor’s Office on making those allegations.

The director general provided the report and her decision to me on Friday, 6 May. Given the substantial public interest in and continued scrutiny of the conduct of Mayor Scaffidi, I believed it to be in the public interest for the report to be tabled in Parliament at the first opportunity today.

In accordance with parliamentary processes concerning such reports, I table the document titled “Report of the Inquiry into the Lord Mayor of the City of Perth Ms Lisa Scaffidi”.

[See paper 4138.]

*Motion*

On motion without notice by **Mr A.J. Simpson (Minister for Local Government)**, resolved —

That this house authorises the publication of the “Report of the Inquiry into the Lord Mayor of the City of Perth Ms Lisa Scaffidi”.

## ROY HILL PROJECT

*Statement by Minister for State Development*

**MR W.R. MARMION (Nedlands — Minister for State Development)** [2.03 pm]: It is with great pleasure that I stand today to report on my recent visit to the Roy Hill iron ore mine, located 115 kilometres north of Newman. The project represents a \$10 billion investment into our Pilbara region. The mine will produce 55 million tonnes of lump and fines iron ore per annum at full capacity. The first of many shipments set sail from Port Hedland on 10 December 2015. Whilst at the mine, I inspected the open-cut pit, crushers and the largest single-feed processing plant in the Pilbara region. The mine has an accommodation village, designed to house over 2 000 workers in very comfortable conditions, with access to a wide range of leisure and relaxation facilities.

The mine is only one part of the Roy Hill project. The project also includes significant new facilities at Port Hedland’s inner harbour, which I also toured, and a 344-kilometre railway. The Roy Hill rail component operates under the provisions of the Railway (Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd) Agreement Act 2010, which is managed by the Department of State Development. At full capacity, five ore trains per day will operate from the

Roy Hill mine, carrying 138 tonnes per car, with a total payload of 31 109 tonnes of ore. Trains are loaded at the mine using a state-of-the-art train loading system controlled from a remote operations centre in Perth. Trains deliver ore to Roy Hill's facility at Port Hedland's inner harbour. The facility is capable of receiving, stockpiling, screening and exporting 55 million tonnes per annum of iron ore as lump and fines, and has been designed to accommodate possible future expansion.

During the project's four-year construction phase, the total Western Australian local content was reported at 72 per cent, or \$6.6 billion, with the rest of Australia accounting for 5.4 per cent, or \$491 million. At its peak the project's construction workforce reached 6 000 people, and its continuing operations will employ around 2 000 people.

The Roy Hill project is one of the fastest construction start-ups of any major greenfield project in Australia. With a work ethic like that and a planned mine life of 20 years, I am confident that Roy Hill will continue to provide jobs and royalties to the state for a long time to come.

### COMMEMORATION WAY PROJECT

*Statement by Minister for Veterans*

**MR J.M. FRANCIS (Jandakot — Minister for Veterans)** [2.06 pm]: In the lead-up to Anzac Day this year, I announced the Commemoration Way project, which is an initiative designed to recognise Western Australian recipients of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross. As a state government initiative to support the Anzac centenary, this project will see the installation of 19 plaques at various rest stops along the South Western and Albany Highways. Each plaque will be dedicated to one of Western Australia's 17 Victoria Cross recipients and two George Cross recipients and will contain brief biographical details and part of their citation as gazetted. The concept of this project is based on Remembrance Driveway, on the Federal and Hume Highways between Sydney and Canberra. Some members may be familiar with that system of roadside parks and rest stops on the east coast. It is appropriate that the highways selected for this project lead to Albany because Albany is home to the National Anzac Centre and has a unique connection with the Anzac story. Albany was the last part of Australia many soldiers who were a part of the first two convoys saw as they headed off for Egypt and later Gallipoli during the early stages of the Great War.

The Victoria Cross is awarded for extreme gallantry in the face of the enemy and the George Cross, which is open to service personnel and civilians, was instituted to recognise extreme bravery that did not involve contact with the enemy. In 1975, the Cross of Valour replaced the George Cross. To date, no Western Australian service personnel have been awarded this honour whilst on operations.

The series of plaques will be rolled out between Anzac Day and Remembrance Day 2016. The Department of Corrective Services will provide a work party of minimum-security prisoners to install the plaques. Main Roads Western Australia will update its guide to rest stops and amenities in Western Australia to indicate rest stops that have a plaque of a VC or GC recipient. For those interested in a fuller account of each recipient, the guide will also have a link to the state government publication "This Gallant Company of Brave Men".

The objective of this project is simply to encourage all Western Australians to become more familiar with and maintain a sense of appreciation of these extraordinary 19 Western Australians who showed magnificent heroism despite risk to their own lives.

### PERTH STADIUM — CONSTRUCTION

*Statement by Minister for Sport and Recreation*

**MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Minister for Sport and Recreation)** [2.08 pm]: I rise to inform the house that ongoing construction of Perth Stadium has recently resulted in an additional \$76 million of contracts awarded to Western Australian companies. This year will be the busiest year of construction with more than 1 000 workers expected on site. Bibra Lake-based Nilsen was awarded a \$48.8 million contract for the main electrical services package, to supply power and lighting to the stadium. Malaga-based MPM Group and Jandakot-based Axis Plumbing Group were awarded \$15.7 million and \$11.8 million contracts respectively for the supply and installation of the ductwork and water systems for the stadium's air conditioning and ventilation. Balcatta-based Floorwise will supply and install the flooring for the stadium's main technical and operational area. To date, more than \$367 million of Perth Stadium construction contracts have been awarded to Western Australian companies, creating 346 new local jobs. The most recent contracts will create 56 new jobs across the trade areas and sustain 97 jobs. Local companies are also benefiting from construction of the new six-platform Perth Stadium rail station, which I understand is 30 per cent complete, and the Swan River pedestrian bridge. To date, more than 73 per cent of contracts for those projects have been awarded to Western Australian businesses.

Perth Stadium is now more than 40 per cent complete and is on track to open for the 2018 Australian Football League season. It will be the state's premier sporting stadium and forms part of this state government's significant investment in ensuring that Western Australia is home to world-class sporting and entertainment venues. It is starting to take shape. I encourage members to take a walk along the riverside at Burswood as the

path and cycleway takes users right through the construction footprint. It is impressive to see the buzz of activity on the ground.

We have recently announced that the spectator seating has been selected after being put through rigorous scrutiny by the sports fans user group, and will be installed over the coming year. Cricket wicket testing has been conducted and is being analysed by some of the best cricket minds in the nation, who will help determine how the drop-in wicket design meets the standard for international cricket. We are on the cusp of finalising the stadium operator agreement, and the Premier announced at the weekend that \$19 million would be made available over the next three years to attract large-scale events to the venue.

Perth Stadium will be a massive drawcard for national and international content that Western Australia has not previously had the stadium infrastructure to attract. I think the vast majority of Western Australians would agree with me when I say we are very much looking forward to the stadium opening for business.

### **METROPOLITAN REGION SCHEME AMENDMENT 1210/41 — STIRLING HIGHWAY PRIMARY REGIONAL ROADS RESERVATION**

*Statement by Parliamentary Secretary*

**MR J. NORBERGER (Joondalup — Parliamentary Secretary)** [2.11 pm]: I present today for tabling metropolitan region scheme amendment 1210/41, which will facilitate rationalisation of the existing Stirling Highway primary regional roads reservation. The amendment results in an overall reduction of the land affected by the current reservation by 40 per cent. It reduces a longstanding 80-metre wide reservation between Broadway, Nedlands, and Jarrad Street, Cottesloe that has been in place since 1963, and an increase in the reserve south to Queen Victoria Street, North Fremantle. The amendment frees up more than 26 hectares of land to be rezoned urban that is now no longer needed in the reserve and unnecessarily constrains development adjacent to the highway. The new reservation allows for improved safety, with sufficient space to cater for pedestrian, cyclist and public transport movements in the future. It ensures that the highway can continue to be the primary regional link between Perth and Fremantle into the future.

In accordance with the statutory provisions for region scheme amendments, this amendment was advertised for no fewer than three months. A total of 628 submissions were received, comprising 14 general comments, 35 comments of support, and 579 comments of objection. Copies of the submissions and the Western Australian Planning Commission “Report on Submissions” are also tabled today. A significant amount of the submissions received provided comment on the impact on state and local heritage buildings. There are 18 state heritage-listed buildings along the highway. The existing reservation impacts on eight of those buildings; the new reservation will result in the protection of all 18 state heritage-listed buildings. In terms of local heritage, the existing reservation impacts on 55 buildings listed on local heritage inventories. The new reservation reduces this to 31, and will no longer impact on the Windsor Cinema, Captain Stirling Hotel and Albion Hotel. Therefore, the final amendment has responded to these concerns and has resulted in an improved outcome for protecting state and local heritage buildings.

With the reservation south of Jarrad Street marginally increased, it is noted that there are properties now affected by a reservation. The reservation will not impact the present and ongoing use of the site; existing uses can continue unhindered until future acquisition. The purpose of the reservation is to ensure that there is adequate land that is protected in the long term that may be required to make the highway more efficient, accessible and safe in the future. There are no immediate plans for improvements; however, with the reservation in place Main Roads Western Australia will be able to consider design concepts and subsequent roadworks when required or given a priority in the future.

I am pleased to table the documentation for metropolitan region scheme amendment 1210/41.

[See paper 4139.]

### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

*Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland)**: I advise that in accordance with our standard practice, the government has requested that the budget be presented at two o'clock on Thursday. Accordingly, on Thursday I will call for members' 90-second statements at 12.20 pm, and questions without notice at 12.30 pm. I will leave the chair at one o'clock for the lunchbreak.

### **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

#### **WESTERN POWER — PRIVATISATION**

**239. Mr M. McGOWAN to the Leader of the National Party:**

Prior to asking my first question, I acknowledge, on behalf of the member for Willagee, the students of Melville Senior High School who are in the gallery this afternoon.

I refer to the Premier's statement last Friday regarding the sale of Western Power, and I quote, "It is our intention to privatise Western Power".

- (1) Will the National Party be supporting the privatisation of Western Power as its partner in government intends?
- (2) Have the Leader of the National Party and his ministers excluded themselves from cabinet deliberations in relation to the sale of Western Power?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

- (1)–(2) I am surprised the Leader of the Opposition asked this question, because he asked a very similar question not that long ago.

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** The response is the same. The National Party has consistently said that it supports considering the sale of assets to support the state budget. We supported the sale of Perth Market Authority, we supported the securitisation of Keystart loans, but of course we did not support the sale of Fremantle port and the legislation that will come into this place. We are prepared to consider all asset sales on their merits, and the National Party will make judgement as it deliberates through the necessary due diligence required to ensure that the representations from our constituency are considered against the merits of the sale.

#### WESTERN POWER — PRIVATISATION

**240. Mr M. McGOWAN to the Leader of the National Party:**

I have a supplementary question. I did not ask the Leader of the National Party whether he was considering it; I asked him whether he was supporting it. As the Premier has indicated that it is the government's intention to privatise Western Power, does the Leader of the National Party support it and has he participated in cabinet meetings that have decided on this course of action?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

The National Party will participate in the process of due diligence—absolutely—to consider the merits of asset sales. We are in that process. That is exactly what we have said we are going to do, and it is exactly what we will continue doing.

#### TOURISM — PERTH

**241. Ms E. EVANGEL to the Premier:**

Before I ask my question, I would like to, on behalf of the member for Bunbury, welcome and acknowledge the teachers and students from Bunbury Senior High School.

Premier, tourism is a major industry for Western Australia, contributing to economic growth and job creation. Would the Premier please explain what the Liberal–National government is doing to support this important sector of the state's economy, particularly in Perth?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:**

I thank the member; so much related to tourism lies in her electorate of Perth.

On Sunday I was pleased to announce a \$30 million investment in tourism, particularly aimed at attracting people to Perth. There was \$19 million of new money, to particularly promote major events in the new stadium. As the Minister for Sport and Recreation said, that stadium is around about 40 per cent complete. It is advancing at a great rate, and we will see major international events such as international rugby events and international cricket taking place. Of course, the AFL season is the major, sort of, ongoing funder, so that is important. Also, \$10.7 million was allocated to the Perth Convention Bureau, and, yes, that included \$3.15 million that was reinstated. It also included \$7.5 million of new money for the Perth Convention Bureau. Indeed, we have just had the example of the LNG 18 conference, which is estimated to have injected around \$50 million into the Western Australian tourism and hospitality industry. Coupled with that, because of the good work of the former Minister for Tourism, we have something like 2 000 hotel rooms coming on between now and 2018. There was very little hotel accommodation during the period of the mining high development: that capacity is now there, and we need to fill those rooms and maximise the facilities such as the stadium and Elizabeth Quay. Indeed, the announcement was made at Chinatown, where we can look over and see construction now well advanced on Yagan Square which will become the centrepiece of Perth into the future, that \$1 million has been allocated to targeting particularly young Chinese professionals to celebrate Chinese New Year in Perth. We will see more of that targeting of promotion and tourism.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I do not know why members opposite are so unhappy: this is going to be the growth industry for the state.

## CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT — LORD MAYOR

**242. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Local Government:**

I refer to the minister's statement to Parliament today regarding the inquiry into matters arising from the Corruption and Crime Commission's report concerning the Lord Mayor of Perth.

- (1) Given that the report alleges that the Lord Mayor on multiple occasions failed to disclose gifts and contributions to travel in annual reports between 1 January 2008 and 12 October 2015, will the minister call on the Lord Mayor to resign her position?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Why has this process taken so long to resolve?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:**

(1)–(3) I thank the member for Mandurah for his question. To start off with question (3), in May 2015 the CCC kicked off an inquiry into the Lord Mayor. The department received that report in November, just over six months later. It has taken just over six months again to get to where we are now. With regard to the submissions taking too long, I think the department has done a fantastic job to get to where we are today, considering the amount of work that is in this report. As I read in the statement this afternoon regarding the next step of this process, and as I quite clearly pointed out, the director general of the Department of Local Government and Communities is now going off to the State Administrative Tribunal to work through the process of dealing with the serious allegations in this report. As the Minister for Local Government, I make sure we implement the Local Government Act as it stands. It is my job as minister to do that. It quite clearly states that for any breaches to do with the act, the director general will take part in the process. She has put this part of the process off to the State Administrative Tribunal to work through that —

**Mr D.A. Templeman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah! I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** As I pointed out, the State Administrative Tribunal then takes it to the next level to work out the inquiry from there. The report has been released in very good time; I think the department has done a fantastic job of putting this together.

**Mr D.A. Templeman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, I call you to order for the second time. You asked the question; let the minister answer the —

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** He's not answering it!

**The SPEAKER:** Do not debate with me, please! Minister, address the matters that were raised by the member for Mandurah.

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** This is quite a serious report. There has been a lot of community input into this and scrutiny of it. I think the community should have a read of it and form its own opinion with regard to how it goes forward. But what is more important from my perspective as the minister is to make sure that we follow this correctly. It has now passed from the director general to the State Administrative Tribunal to work through the process. I have full confidence in the department and SAT to deal with those inquiries from there.

## CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT — LORD MAYOR

**243. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Local Government:**

I have a supplementary question. Does the minister have confidence in the Lord Mayor of Perth, given the serious allegations that have now been disclosed in his department's report; and, if he does not believe she should resign, why not?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:**

Can I just make one thing very clear: the Local Government Act 1995 does not make it the minister's choice to sack any elected member of a council. I make that very, very clear. The act does not allow us to do that.

**Mr D.A. Templeman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, do you want to have a rest?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** Whether we are talking about who should resign or what should go on, more importantly, it is my job to implement the Local Government Act.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** You haven't done your job.

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON:** I have. Member of the opposition, I have followed the act all the way. I have followed it to a T, and I will follow it from now on in. The director general will go through that process and we will get to the bottom of it.

## REGIONAL FILM FUND — ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS

**244. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Regional Development:**

Before I ask my question, I acknowledge the presence in the gallery of students from St Denis School in Joondanna in the electorate of the member for Balcatta.

Can the minister provide the house with details of the \$16 million regional film fund announced last week?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

I thank the member for Vasse for the question. Not so long ago the film *Drift* was filmed in part of her electorate. Films have made a contribution to local economies and create substantial opportunities in culture and the arts in Western Australia. It was fantastic to be in Peaceful Bay recently with the Minister for Culture and the Arts to announce in my electorate—a wonderful part of Western Australia—\$16 million of royalties for regions funds towards a regional film fund.

**Mr F.M. Logan** interjected.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** Clearly, the member for Cockburn does not support culture and the arts.

Over the last eight years of this government, 14 films have been produced in Western Australia at a total production cost of just short of \$90 million, with a total of \$42 million coming into Western Australia. Some of those films have been partly supported by royalties for regions funds, including the film *Breath*. We were on the set in Peaceful Bay of that film of the Tim Winton book, produced and directed by Simon Baker. We have also seen the production of the film *Drift* in Margaret River; *Red Dog* and its sequel, *Red Dog: True Blue*, in the electorate of the member for Pilbara; and *Jasper Jones*, which was produced in Pemberton. Rather than having a situation in which the people interested in producing films in Western Australia have to approach regional development commissions, we have sought to set up a fund as a one-stop shop for those who might be interested in filming productions in Western Australia. We are doing this through ScreenWest with some very clear and open processes and criteria set out.

There are clearly strong benefits for Western Australia. One is the direct benefit of those productions to the economy, and that is happening in my hometown of Denmark, which is fantastic to see. It is interesting to note that the production of *Breath* has created 250 local jobs and a direct spend in the local community of \$2 million, and \$4 million in Western Australia. There is also the secondary benefit of the tourism and promotional activities that come from these film productions in Western Australia.

This is a great outcome. There is the potential for *Breath* to be exposed to more than 20 million people and to bring something like \$30 million of economic benefit to Western Australia. Royalties for regions is designed to unlock potential, and it is not only for big capital infrastructure. It also supports the cultural and artistic community, which is something that is totally foreign to the member for Cockburn. Nevertheless, we will continue to press on. Of course, as a potential economic driver for regional Western Australia, we think this is an excellent announcement—\$16 million that signals to the rest of the world that Western Australia is open for business if people want to come here to make a film.

## QUADRIPLAGIC CENTRE — REDEVELOPMENT

**245. Mr R.H. COOK to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to comments made by the former Minister for Health in October 2015 when he said that a business case for the redevelopment of the Quadriplegic Centre would be considered in time for this year's budget, and the current minister's comments today, calling for more consultant reports and deferring a decision until next year.

- (1) In this, his first budget as Minister for Health, has the minister failed to secure funding for what the previous minister said was of the highest priority?
- (2) Why did the minister prioritise projects like Elizabeth Quay and free Zumba classes over life-preserving facilities like the Quadriplegic Centre?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:**

- (1)–(2) I would have hoped that a question from the opposition on this issue would have been less superficial and had a little more substance than those ridiculous comments towards the end.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** The government is aware of the need for better accommodation to be provided for residents at the Quadriplegic Centre. As indicated, there was a business case prepared and that has been considered to some extent. There has been further money allocated in this year's budget, to be announced by the Treasurer on Thursday, for much more detailed planning to be undertaken. One of the important issues—to some extent, at



this point unresolved issues—is exactly how the accommodation is to be best provided; that is, whether it is all on the one location or in a more distributed, community-based arrangement. Generally speaking, there is increasing support for that to occur. I know the Treasurer is very well aware of the needs of residents at the Quadriplegic Centre; we were discussing it just before question time. He is very familiar with the centre and —

**Mr R.H. Cook** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kwinana!

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** The member referred to a decision being put off until next year; that does not necessarily mean next calendar year. It may well mean the next financial year, and that certainly does not prevent us from making a further decision about how best to provide contemporary accommodation, potentially before the end of this year.

#### QUADRIPLÉGIC CENTRE — REDEVELOPMENT

##### **246. Mr R.H. COOK to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question. The minister's predecessor described the Quadriplegic Centre's facilities as "very old, very tired, very run-down, very inadequate". Given the reports that the minister received last year and the business cases that were prepared, why is there no business case as the minister's predecessor promised?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:**

I think just about everybody agrees that the accommodation at the Quadriplegic Centre is not contemporary; it is outdated and better facilities need to be provided, as this government has provided to the extent of \$7 billion across Western Australia with the redevelopment of major tertiary hospitals, new secondary hospitals and many new country hospitals. The needs of the Quadriplegic Centre are recognised. It is now at the top of the list of priorities. In the brief time that I have been in this role, I have been very keen—particularly since I was made aware of the needs—for the project to be more fully advanced. The member for Dawesville, as my predecessor, was addressing the issue and he was very keen to get an outcome. The outcome in this year's budget is further planning money —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kwinana, I call you to order for the first time. I have given a lot of leeway. Minister, a quick answer.

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** There is half a million dollars for further detailed advice to be given about how best to provide services and, if necessary, to update the business case that was prepared so that we can take the appropriate action in a contemporary manner.

#### TORNDIRRUP NATIONAL PARK — THE GAP LOOKOUT

##### **247. Mr T.K. WALDRON to the Minister for Environment:**

I understand that the minister was recently in Albany to officially open a new major tourism attraction at the Gap in Torndirrup National Park. Can the minister please update members on this exciting new experience?

**Mr A.P. JACOB replied:**

I thank the member for Wagin for the visit.

**Mr P.B. Watson:** Do you get your numbers right today?

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** Yes, I did; thank you very much, member for Albany.

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany!

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** This state has a long tradition of innovative visitor infrastructure in WA's natural areas. Going right back to attractions such as the Gloucester tree or the Bicentennial tree, they gave unique visitor experiences as a way to enjoy our natural areas.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** We can go through to more recent installations such as the Tree Top Walk in Walpole or the Granite Skywalk in the Porongurups. These sorts of facilities provide a unique way to experience our natural areas. They are key drivers of regional tourism because often this state's natural areas, and new and unique ways to experience those natural areas, are some of the primary drivers to bring tourists out to regional areas. That then has flow-on effects for local communities right across regional Western Australia. As a state government, we have invested heavily in visitor infrastructure like this. One of our key projects in recent times, which we had

the opportunity to officially open last week, was the new lookout at the Gap in Torndirrup National Park just outside of Albany. It is a \$6.1 million project. It picks up not only the Gap, but also the Natural Bridge. It was funded through royalties for regions and also the Department of Parks and Wildlife. The lookout offers an opportunity to experience the dramatic southern coastline—those granite cliffs, spectacular scenery —

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany, you can discuss the guest list after this question, thank you. I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** Many members in this house may have visited the old lookout, which was approximately halfway along the cliff and it sat just on the edge. The new lookout takes visitors right out to the headland at the Gap. It suspends viewers 40 metres above the ocean —

**Mr P.B. Watson:** It's always been in that spot.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** Further out, member for Albany.

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany! Okay; take it up afterwards—definite spots.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** There is a 10-metre cantilever and, importantly, a mesh floor so that visitors can experience the waves rushing through into the Gap beneath their feet. It is also now universally accessible for people with any mobility impairments. Wherever possible, we seek to offer them the opportunity to also experience our natural areas. High-quality infrastructure is a key part of encouraging visitors into our national parks and into our natural areas. We need to make sure that they understand why these areas are important to protect and conserve. Visitation directly links to community value for conservation outcomes. However, there is more to come in this area. Planning is already underway for new cantilevered lookouts in Kalbarri National Park above Murchison Gorge. We already have seen a boost in the number of regional visitors to Torndirrup National Park, with more than 20 000 visitors in the few weeks alone since we opened the lookout.

#### TAXIS — INDUSTRY REFORM

#### 248. **Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the minister's media statement in December on reform of the taxi industry in which the minister stated that he would work as quickly as possible to introduce and finalise legislation to provide certainty to the industry. Given that it has been nearly 20 months since the minister deregulated the industry by stealth, I ask the following questions.

- (1) When will the minister bring legislation into Parliament to create a true level playing field in the industry?
- (2) Will the minister consider immediate support to the taxi industry; in particular, some form of compensation for plate owners who are suffering financial hardship?

#### **Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

- (1)–(2) I think the activity that has been underway within the taxi industry has been well understood. We issued a green paper some time ago that explained the intent of what we were trying to do. Western Australia was one of the last jurisdictions to have Uber come into the taxi industry to cause the level of disruption that occurred. However, we are one of the first states to put out a paper that sort of explained a way forward.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Kwinana!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** We explained to people that the way forward will result in regulatory changes and will require some legislative change. We have made it very clear and very public for some time that we are working towards a date of it being live for the regulatory changes on 1 July. We have not moved from that. We are very close to the point at which we will be able to share with the broader community what the changes will mean to the industry. From the work that has been done by the department, I see that there will be great outcomes for drivers. The greatest impact will be at the dispatch; that is where the greatest change will be, where we are looking to open up competition. There are a number of different players within the taxi industry and we have been working through each segment within the industry to work out the best possible way forward. We see a very bright future for the overall on-demand transport sector as our population continues to grow in Western Australia. We need to work on and establish a framework. This is a major reform for the industry—the biggest reform we have seen in over 40 years. We are working through it properly, with due diligence, and we will announce it when it is ready to announce for the industry.

## TAXIS — INDUSTRY REFORM

**249. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Minister for Transport:**

I have a supplementary question. Did the minister not commit to announce details of the plan by the end of the first quarter of this year? Has the minister again failed to meet those deadlines? Again, will the minister consider compensation for plate owners who are suffering financial hardship?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

We said that we would have the responses back from the green paper. The closing date was the end of the first quarter for the responses.

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The closing date for the responses to the green paper was 31 March—the end of the first quarter. We have taken all of those in and we have worked through the processes to ensure the appropriate approach to deliver the best outcome for the industry and for the community of Western Australia.

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** We have taken a level playing field, making sure that customer safety and driver safety are of paramount importance within the on-demand transport and taxi industry. That is what we will deliver.

Regarding the final part of the question, we will work through the appropriate measures to take with the industry and we will announce them when they are ready to be announced.

## WATER FOR FOOD PROGRAM — SOUTH WEST

**250. Mr G.M. CASTRILLI to the Minister for Water:**

I understand that there has been overwhelming support for the Water for Food project taking shape in the state's lower south west. Can the minister please provide members an update on how this project is progressing?

**Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:**

I thank the member for the question. It is little over a year since we first announced the southern forests project, as part of Water for Food, as one of the 11 projects that we are rolling out under the royalties for regions-funded initiative. In that year with this project group we have been working steadily with growers and we went through a process of asking for letters of intent, essentially asking growers in that region whether they would be interested in investing themselves into an integrated irrigation scheme. That letter of intent process has now been completed. We received 68 submissions which represented 92 properties that wanted to be serviced by this integrated scheme. Growers have told us that they require a volume of over 10 gigalitres of water. That is 50 per cent more than what we anticipated when we started this project. There is an overwhelming sense of confidence from those growers that they are looking to expand and capitalise on the opportunities they see as part of irrigated agriculture and what it offers to that part of the state.

The Department of Water is now working on a business case to deliver a scheme that will meet the requirement of that number of potential subscribers. We have had support from Tasmanian Irrigation and farmers who have been involved in the schemes that have been rolled out in Tasmania. Tasmanian Irrigation has successfully gone through this process on a number of different occasions, so it has a great deal of experience in working with growers with the state and federal government to ensure that they deliver a project that meets the needs of those growers and the state. I would like to put on record my thanks to Tasmanian Irrigation for lending that valuable assistance in developing this project. The feedback I have had from the growers is that they have been very appreciative of the time from that organisation as well.

The scheme is in its early stages and is expected to deliver water via 100 kilometres worth of pipeline, supported by four pump stations. It is very early days. The key to this is the reliability of the supply of water for growers, because that is bankability for them and their business, and we are working to 95 per cent reliability. It translates into a reliable business plan and that means more jobs, better employment opportunities and they can invest themselves more. This is the outcome that we seek.

Growers in the Manjimup and Pemberton area provide 60 per cent of the region's production through horticulture on only five per cent of that region's land mass. They are extraordinarily efficient and very productive. The key limiter in expanding their opportunities down there is the variability of their water supply; they are at capacity, and that is why this project is very important. We will continue to work over the next six to seven months to ensure that we have a scheme that will deliver on the requirements that the growers have put on the table, bearing in mind that that letter of intent process asks them to put their own money on the table. That is \$12 million of growers' money on the table to be matched by the federal and state governments, when we have the business case finalised. They are backing themselves and the flow-on impact of expanding the horticultural footprint in that part of the state has enormous benefits in terms of economic diversification and continuing to create jobs and employment.

I spoke about Water for Food at the biennial Northern Australia Food Futures Conference in Darwin. There is extraordinary interest in the state's plan around expanding irrigated agriculture. I have spoken in this place before about the projects we have in the north. The projects in the south are now rolling out and we are starting to see some real promise. Diversification of this state's economy is the key to ensure that we have more jobs and more employment. This project has taken a major step to deliver on that for the people of Manjimup and Pemberton and I will leave on that note with the words of a Tasmanian farmer, who has been through this process himself, saying that irrigated agriculture is not just about growing food, it is about growing regional communities. That was Richard Gardner and his experience from Tasmania is something that we would like to replicate here in Western Australia.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — REDUNDANCIES

**251. Mr R.H. COOK to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the former Minister for Health's promise of no forced redundancies in the Department of Health.

- (1) Of the over 700 people the department will sack, including 359 in Fiona Stanley Hospital alone, how many will be forced from their jobs through compulsory redundancy?
- (2) Which services will the department be cutting, and from which hospitals will they be cut to meet the minister's budget goals?
- (3) Is the Australian Medical Association right when it says that these cuts mean nothing less than reduced funding for emergency departments, longer waiting times for elective surgery and further chaos in the mental health sector?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:**

- (1)–(3) The answer to all of those questions, from the best I have interpreted the questions that were read out by the member for Kwinana, is no. No-one is being forced from their position. It is a voluntary severance scheme that is underway. More positions exist, in particular in the South Metropolitan Health Service, at the moment than is regarded as necessary. The number has been inflated because of the commissioning of Fiona Stanley Hospital and the substantial transfer and transition underway as a result of Fiona Stanley Hospital opening. The health system needs to operate in a sustainable manner in Western Australia. As has been reported recently, the proportion of the state budget that is now consumed by the health system is almost 30 per cent and we are about 18 per cent above the average cost per unit price in relation to other states of Australia. The health system needs to make some changes to operate in a sustainable manner, but we are continuing to provide services in a world-class manner. I have seen many examples of that in the few weeks that I have been Minister for Health and, indeed, I have received quite a number of compliments from patients who have been very appreciative of the care that they have been provided and the standard of it.

To summarise, no-one is being forced from their job, but there is a need to make some changes to operate in a sustainable manner and to ensure that there are not surplus positions to what is actually required to provide world-class services.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — REDUNDANCIES

**252. Mr R.H. COOK to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister seriously suggesting that there will be no cuts to services as a result of losing over 700 staff from the health system?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:**

We are not cutting services at all. Indeed, we have expanded the Western Australian health system substantially in the time that we have been in government. We have spent \$7 billion on major new health facilities and we will continue to operate a health system that is of an international standard. As I said, there are some surplus positions, in particular in the South Metropolitan Health Service, and there is a voluntary severance scheme underway at the moment and there has been quite a substantial number of expressions of interest in relation to that scheme.

RESOURCES SECTOR — STATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

**253. Dr G.G. JACOBS to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

Can the minister please describe how the state government has assisted the Western Australian resources sector?

**Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE replied:**

I am very proud of the Liberal–National government's efforts and achievements as it continues to assist and support the resources sector, this very important sector of the Western Australian economy. It has done so and continues to do so through a number of schemes. One is the exploration incentive scheme, valued at around \$130 million, since 2009, and a component of that scheme is the co-funded drilling program. The co-funded drilling program—for example, \$64 million—has enabled 599 projects to get off the ground and \$23.3 million

was refunded to companies, which also went to over 310 projects. For every \$1 million of spending that we invest in this particular program, we get a direct return of \$10.3 million to the state, and through the multiplier effect over time, \$23.7 million. Therefore, it is a highly effective exploration incentive scheme. We also have the mining rehabilitation fund, which replaced the unconditional performance bonds. This released more than \$1 billion of funds held by all the various mines for mine rehabilitation, but that money was being locked down. By creating the mining rehabilitation fund, we were able to free up all of that cash so that those companies could reinvest that into ongoing projects that could further discover mineral deposits, opening up much more projects in the mining and petroleum sector and thereby having the benefits flow through to the Western Australian economy.

We have also reduced red tape and abolished the need for the iron ore authorisation, which is saving industry between \$1 million and \$2 million a year, plus our approval time frames. We took on a backlog of 16 800 approvals, which is now down to 3 900. That is a considerable effort by this Liberal–National government. That, coupled with our online transactions, which the department has worked pretty hard to get, has enabled 97 per cent of all applications to be finalised within target time frames. In addition to these great measures, we have assistance programs for mines, such as the iron ore financial assistance scheme, the magnetite financial assistance program, the Utah Point port charges concessions and the heavy vehicle truck concessions.

In conclusion, I thank the member for Eyre for his question. These programs illustrate the Liberal–National government’s commitment to ensuring that sustainability of mining and petroleum industries in Western Australia is sound and that we will continue to provide jobs and royalties for Western Australians now and into the future.

#### ELLENBROOK BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

##### **254. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the comments made by the Premier in 2013 regarding putting in place a bus rapid transit service to Ellenbrook. The Premier said that to spend over \$100 million on a bus transitway seems to be a waste of money if the long-term plan is to build a rail line to Ellenbrook.

- (1) Was the Premier wrong when he said that a bus transitway would be a waste of money?
- (2) Why is the minister now committing to a bus transitway when the Premier said that a rail line would be the better investment in the longer term?

##### **Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

- (1)–(2) I have to share with members the fact that the member for Swan Hills absolutely gets stuck into me about ensuring that we look after the citizens in his electorate.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The member for Swan Hills raised a grievance in this house on this very matter about two months ago and spoke about the need for a bus rapid transit system.

We are two days away from a budget announcement. The reality is that the opposition will have to wait to find out and then it can question me on the detail thereafter.

#### ELLENBROOK BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

##### **255. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Minister for Transport:**

I ask a supplementary question. Was the Premier wrong when he said that a bus transitway was a waste of money?

##### **Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

If the member for West Swan wants to ask me what the Premier was up to, maybe the question could be better directed towards the Premier.

I can tell the member that certain people opposite ridiculed us on certain projects and said that they could never occur.

**Ms R. Saffioti:** You promised MAX and now you say that the road’s not big enough.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, calm down. Minister, a quick answer.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** There was a time when those opposite criticised us for considering putting Forrestfield–Airport Link underground. Departments are continually looking at innovative ways to deliver infrastructure for Western Australia at a lower price and more effectively. We are able to continually review these projects. I look forward to the announcement in the budget and I will leave it to then, when I am happy to provide detail on any questions members opposite would like to ask.

## METRO AREA EXPRESS LIGHT RAIL — SAFETY CONCERNS

**256. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the minister's concerns about the safety of light rail through Fitzgerald Street, the narrow roads and his concern for the safety of people in and around the area.

- (1) Why did the Liberal Party commit to Metro Area Express light rail down Fitzgerald Street if the Liberal Party thought it was so unsafe?
- (2) When were these safety concerns raised with the minister?
- (3) Do buses travelling down these narrow streets at 50 kilometres an hour to 60 kilometres an hour also pose a safety concern?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

(1)–(3) We are committing to delivering a public transport solution in the northern corridor. We went to the last election with two projects that we wished to undertake.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Members should let me answer the question. At the time, the federal government indicated that it would support both projects. There was a change in the federal government and it indicated that it was not going to look at supporting public transport.

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the first time. I want a short, concise answer, minister.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Certainly, Mr Speaker. We took the economically responsible decision to stagger the projects.

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I do not know what is so surprising about that. We have been upfront and honest about that all the way through. I am trying to finish.

**Ms J.M. Freeman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mirrabooka, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The contract has been set for the Forrestfield–Airport Link project and construction will start by the end of this year. Construction is underway. We have said that we are committed to a northern corridor. We have taken the opportunity to review and continually look at things. If members go back to when these decisions were taken, they would see that there was a widely held view that we could not deliver a below-ground solution in Western Australia at an appropriate cost. We have been able to prove that, taking an above-ground budget for the Forrestfield–Airport Link and setting about delivering it underground all the way. We have set the contract. The contract is in place and construction will start this year. That is a complete change of thinking in Western Australia. We are able to use innovative processes and world-leading construction companies to deliver world-leading solutions for Western Australia. This government has had the courage to challenge the status quo and continue to explore and deliver the best possible outcome. That is what this government is doing.

## METRO AREA EXPRESS LIGHT RAIL — SAFETY CONCERNS

**257. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Minister for Transport:**

I ask a supplementary question. Given that the minister was committed to sending light rail down Fitzgerald Street in 2013 and now that road is too narrow, apparently, what has changed in relation to the width of that road?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

There was a recommendation that suggested light rail. We have a lot of other things —

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** They do not want to listen, Mr Speaker. The City of Vincent was quite critical when I raised concerns about light rail; it wanted to explore options. I sat down with the City of Vincent—I have said this over and over in Parliament—and spoke about this whole theory around light rail delivering an urbanisation uplift. Included in that was a mass rapid transit solution. The City of Vincent's brochures and belief was like Bourke Street mall, where the tram travels through at five kilometres an hour and little Johnny is skipping around the tram line while mum has a cappuccino on the sidewalk. That was the City of Vincent's view.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The City of Vincent had an incorrect perception of what was being delivered. I started to raise concerns.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** That is enough!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Those opposite would like to replicate what is in Melbourne with a light rail solution. That is what they keep talking about. I have taken the opportunity to review it —

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the first time. A short answer, please.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** In looking at current innovative practices, we believe that we can deliver a far better solution into the northern suburbs than what was put forward back in 2012–13.

#### **LEGAL AFFAIRS — DRUG CONVICTIONS**

##### *Question on Notice 4689 — Correction of Answer*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Minister for Police)** [2.59 pm]: Under standing order 82A, I rise to provide amended information to Legislative Assembly question on notice 4689 asked by the member for Warnbro of the Attorney General on Tuesday, 16 February 2016. I table an amended answer.

[See paper 4140.]

#### **WATER — REBATES AND CONCESSIONS**

##### *Question on Notice 4292 — Supplementary Information*

**MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Minister for Water)** [3.00 pm]: Under standing order 82A, I wish to provide additional information about Legislative Assembly question on notice 4292. The response provided information on rebates and concessions provided by the Water Corporation but did not list rebates and concessions provided by Aqwest and Busselton Water. Information on the rebates provided by Aqwest and Busselton Water are hereby provided.

[See paper 4141.]

#### **POLICE — CRIME STATISTICS — DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS**

##### *Question on Notice 5217 — Answer Advice*

**MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro)** [3.01 pm]: I rise under standing order 80(2) with regard to question on notice 5217 asked of the Minister for Police. The answer is now well and truly overdue. I wondered whether I could have an explanation for that.

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Minister for Police)** [3.01 pm]: I think that was about one of the member's constituents with a speeding fine.

**Mr P. Papalia:** No. It was about statistical data-gathering costs.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** My advice is that the answer to that question is being redrafted and it will be tabled shortly.

#### **CORRECTIVE SERVICES — CRIME STATISTICS — DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS**

##### *Question on Notice 5218 — Answer Advice*

**MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro)** [3.02 pm]: I suspect that I will get the same response from the Minister for Corrective Services with regard to question on notice 5218 about the allocation of resources, money and personnel to gathering data and statistics within his department.

**MR J.M. FRANCIS (Jandakot — Minister for Corrective Services)** [3.02 pm]: I might have signed that one yesterday or today, but I will get it.

#### **BILLS**

##### *Assent*

Message from the Governor received and read notifying assent to the following bills —

1. Co-operatives Amendment Bill 2015.
2. Motor Vehicle (Catastrophic Injuries) Bill 2016.

**PUPPY FARMING***Petition*

**MS L.L. BAKER (Maylands)** [3.04 pm]: I have a petition that is compliant with the standing orders of the house. It states —

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia the State Government to take action to stop puppy farming in WA and the supply chain that supports this industry. In WA the oversupply of dogs is evident from the increasing number of dogs being handed in to refuges or shelters. Puppy farms and the unregulated overbreeding of dogs contributes to this oversupply.

Puppy farming is associated with varying degrees of poor welfare of the puppies and breeding animals used to perpetuate this industry. The welfare impacts of puppy farming can range from discomfort and poor quality of life, through to significant cruelty over many years. Because puppy farming is an unregulated industry, it is able to operate without scrutiny. It also takes place out of public view until the puppies are presented at the point of sale, including pet shops. Further, there is very often an attempt to disguise the fact puppies are from puppy farms, with some vendors going to great lengths to conceal this.

Other States are tightening their laws to stop puppy farming. This will push puppy farmers to sell their puppies to WA pet shops and consumers online via sites like Gumtree and Quokka, or through newspaper advertisements.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to take action to put an end to the cruel practice of puppy farming in WA.

There are three signatures on this petition.

[See petition 362.]

*Nonconforming Petition*

**Ms L.L. BAKER:** I also have a noncompliant petition with 2 475 signatures on it.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY — TENANTS — INCOME ASSESSMENT***Petition*

**MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn)** [3.05 pm]: I have a petition signed by 120 petitioners stamped in accordance with the standing orders of the house. It is couched in the following terms —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled, we the undersigned petitioners say that the recent decision by the National Party Minister for Housing to change the income assessment for Housing Authority tenants is a direct attack on the most vulnerable in our society. To now incorporate Centrelink and Veterans Affairs benefits and allowances as assessable income for the purposes of paying Housing Authority rent is effectively taking away tenant's concession payments that are paid to assist with a particular situation or disability.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Barnett government to immediately reverse this grossly unfair and financially debilitating rental decision that is pushing pensioners, war veterans and the disabled into absolute poverty.

[See petition 363.]

A similar petition was tabled by **Mr W.J. Johnston** containing 66 signatures.

[See petition 364.]

**PERTH FREIGHT LINK***Petition*

**MR P.C. TINLEY (Willagee)** [3.07 pm]: I have a petition certified by the clerks as conforming with the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly that reads —

**To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.**

We, the undersigned, say that the construction of the Perth Freight Link will have a devastating impact on surrounding communities.



It will destroy environmentally sensitive wetlands, increase noise and harmful pollution for local residents, require many homes and businesses to be bulldozed, as well as increasing traffic on local roads.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Barnett government to reverse its decision to proceed with this project, and instead divert funding to public transport projects, increasing the amount of freight on rail, and planning for a new ‘outer port’ in Kwinana.

It is duly signed by 60 petitioners.

[See petition 365.]

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

*“Review of the Department of Treasury’s Report: Review of the Financial Management Act (2006)” —  
Extension of Reporting Date — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland):** I have received a letter dated 8 May 2016 from the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit advising that the committee has resolved to extend the reporting date of its examination of the Department of Treasury’s review of the Financial Management Act 2006 until a date to be determined.

#### PAPERS TABLED

Papers were tabled and ordered to lie upon the table of the house.

#### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

*Membership Change — Notice of Motion*

**Mr J.H.D. Day (Leader of the House)** gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That, as a result of the member for Churchlands’ appointment as a minister and his ceasing to be a member of the Public Accounts Committee, the member for Dawesville be appointed in his place on the Public Accounts Committee.

*Council Acquaintance — Notice of Motion*

**Mr J.H.D. Day (Leader of the House)** gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That, as the member of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit consists in part of the members of the Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee, the Legislative Council be acquainted accordingly.

#### PARLIAMENTARY SUPERANNUATION BOARD

*Membership Change — Notice of Motion*

**Mr J.H.D. Day (Leader of the House)** gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That the member for Dawesville be appointed as a member of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board in accordance with the Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1970 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the member for Churchlands.

#### TAXIS — INDUSTRY REFORM

*Notice of Motion*

**Ms R. Saffioti** gave notice that at the next sitting of the house she would move —

That this house calls on the Minister for Transport to immediately address the concerns and hardship being faced by the taxi industry.

#### BILLS

*Notice of Motion to Introduce*

1. Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Amendment Bill 2016.

Notice of motion given by **Mrs L.M. Harvey (Minister for Police)**.

2. Criminal Laws (Domestic Violence) Amendment Bill 2016.

Notice of motion given by **Mr M. McGowan (Leader of the Opposition)**.

3. Firefighters and Emergency Volunteers Legislation Amendment (Compensation) Bill 2016.

Notice of motion given by **Mr J.M. Francis (Minister for Emergency Services)**.

**PERTH FREIGHT LINK — GOVERNMENT JUSTIFICATION**

*Matter of Public Interest*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland)** informed the Assembly that he was in receipt within the prescribed time of a letter from the member for West Swan seeking to debate a matter of public interest.

[In compliance with standing orders, at least five members rose in their places.]

**MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan)** [3.13 pm]: I move —

That this house condemns the Liberal–National government for its latest flawed justification for the Perth Freight Link project.

I take us back a couple of weeks to Friday, 22 April when the Western Australian opposition heard that a major transport announcement was to be made on the Saturday. We thought it could be the public transport plan, the one we had been waiting seven and a half years to see, but little did we know that we were about to see the Minister for Transport’s big sell of the Perth Freight Link project—and what a big sell it was. He attempted to sell the most flawed infrastructure project ever thought of in this state.

**Mr D.J. Kelly:** Except for MAX.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes, but the government is now saying that the roads are too narrow for the Metro Area Express. It was a big sell. On that weekend we saw report after report seeking to justify this project. Over that weekend the minister reminded me of a snake-oil salesman standing there with his PFL tonic water—the PFL, which would fix all problems. “You have a problem with congestion? That’s okay; PFL tonic water will sort that out.” “You have a problem with road safety? The PFL tonic water will sort it out.” “If you’ve got a problem with your house price and it has stabilised a bit, the PFL will help house prices to increase by 86 per cent.” That is what the minister said. This magical potion was to fix all manner of problems in our transport system. In looking at exactly what the minister was referring to, like Dorothy, we poked behind the curtain, and what did we see? We saw the minister, a typewriter and a Queensland property consultant. Like Toto, who ran behind the curtain, we saw that it was not actually a magical wizard; it was just a man.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** Some guy with a fax machine.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Exactly. When we peered behind the curtain, there was a minister, a typewriter and a Queensland property consultant who compiled those so-called independent reports. We were very disappointed. We thought that finally there would be some real justification for spending \$2 billion of taxpayers’ money, but all we saw was a smoke-and-mirrors attempt to convince people that this project was any good.

I will go through the two reports released on that weekend. The situation was staggering. We heard that a new report was coming. On the Saturday, we were waiting, ready for *The Weekend West* to be delivered. What did we read? I quote from an article in *The Weekend West* of Saturday, 23 April —

... according to new information to be released today on the state’s most contentious road project, the freight link will benefit all.

I was ready, waiting for this new information. The minister never went out that day, but what did we see? We saw a Main Roads report with a foreword by the minister himself titled “Perth Freight Link Narrative: Revision Six”. It was the government’s own internal document, which contained errors, being sold as a new independent report to justify spending \$2 billion. I will go through it because the more we read it, the more we realise just what a failed attempt occurred on that weekend. Let us go through some key points. It was referred to as a narrative. This independent report resulted from someone in the department or the minister’s office pulling together ideas in an attempt to sell it as an independent report, so here we go —

**Mr D.C. Nalder** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It states that the Perth Freight Link is an \$85 million strategic freight route between Fremantle port and Muchea, and an essential component in the long-planned integrated freight transport system for Perth. Long planned? When was the first time the Perth Freight Link appeared on any planning document? It was 2014. It is not long planned. It continues by stating that the Perth Freight Link will —

A member interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** This is your foreword, minister—increase property values in the vicinity of as much as 50 per cent.

The following day his media statement said they would increase by 86 per cent. I am not sure what to believe—his foreword or his media statement. I want to go through it.

**Mr D.C. Nalder:** Neither of them—the independent report.

Several members interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I am coming to that.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, thank you!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I am coming to the Matusik report; it is independent all right!

Another report states that this road infrastructure project will deliver to the outer harbour and the Kwinana Marine Industrial Centre. If a person driving pulls left out of the potential Roe 8 highway, I do not know how many traffic lights it would take to get there. I drove it the other day and it does not seem to be ready to be part of any freight link at this stage.

This report contains a map of the Perth Freight Link that shows that this project has been pulled together from little individual projects and called a freight link. There is a massive gap on Tonkin Highway. Driving south on Tonkin Highway, traffic goes from three lanes into two lanes. That will be the minister's freight link—there will be traffic congestion of the highest order in that corridor. I refer again to the report. The other key point of course is that the Perth Freight Link will not actually reach the port.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean, you are not helping.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** This report states that that map is out of scope and not to worry about the route from Stirling Bridge to Fremantle port because a couple of hundred thousand dollars will be spent on some traffic lights that will fix the problem. The government will spend \$2 billion on a road to take trucks to a set of traffic lights and then spend a couple of hundred thousand dollars that will fix it magically. It is incredible what can be done with improved turning lanes. That is after the government will spend \$2 billion to siphon trucks to that point. Another key point is "Error! Bookmark not defined". That is the level of expertise in this independent report!

There was that report and I thought: "Okay, that's over. We have been hit with the Perth Freight Link big sell." Then, I pick up *The Sunday Times* and, my goodness, there is an article about another report—the Matusik report. I love the Matusik report. *The Sunday Times* reported that a new study had been announced by the government. The minister put out a media release that announced the Matusik report on Sunday, but the Matusik report was announced on the front page of *The West Australian* in November last year. How did that happen? Did the minister's federal colleagues, who actually run the show over here, such as Mathias Cormann, sit down with some Canberra-based journalists and give them the Matusik report? I think that is what happened. I think Mathias Cormann said to the minister, "Dean, you have to go out and sell this Matusik report; it's a cracker. Everyone is going to make millions out of a tunnel." So, on Sunday, the minister did that. He released the Matusik report; that is, the Matusik report that had been released in November last year. There are many parts to the Matusik report. The minister's media statement states that house values will increase by up to 86 per cent. When the minister stood at the Esplanade on that Sunday describing the project, he said that he was not there to espouse an 86 per cent rise in land values, but the minister's own media release that day stated that there would be an 86 per cent increase in house values.

Before I went out that day, I did some research, so I could understand exactly what Matusik is. Matusik is a Queensland property consultancy. I have a lot of relatives in the real estate game. This is like Daniel Andrews justifying a \$10 billion project in Victoria according to what a property consultant or real estate agent in Western Australia said. It just would not happen. How did Matusik get this work? Did the work go out to tender? No. Matusik was selected to provide a report. I went through Matusik's website. Matusik might be a very good property consultant, but I do not think its report should be used to justify a \$2 billion infrastructure project. I do not think the government should do that. Government members should be embarrassed that the minister has wheeled out a Queensland property consultant's report to justify a \$2 billion infrastructure project. I went through the Matusik website and found that Matusik gives people cleanskin outlook reports. The website states —

Get any Matusik Market Outlook report as a clean skin. Brand it; add a front cover; make it yours!

The minister's media statement claims there will be an 86 per cent increase in land values, but when he was questioned on it, he said that it was not his figure and that he was not espousing an 86 per cent increase. That is the figure the minister gave *The Sunday Times* and it was in his media statement. It does not stack up. The big sell did not work. The big sell raises more questions than it answers. The minister still has not told us what he will do with the bridge.

**Mr D.C. Nalder:** Yes, I have.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Sorry, the minister has told us that he is not going to anything to the bridge. He will fix a couple of traffic lights and somehow that will reduce congestion. That is absolutely false. The minister's position on placard loads has changed completely. The minister said that there could be technology that would

allow placard loads to be taken through the tunnel. He said that on camera. Of course, now, placard loads are not going through the tunnel. I want to make a key point: the minister's policy is to increase trade through the port fourfold. That means four times more placard loads travelling on Leach Highway. More dangerous goods will travel along Leach Highway under the government's policy. Government members talk about road safety, but they want four times more placard loads to travel on Leach Highway—that is their plan.

Again, as we saw today when we tried to explain the Metro Area Express project, the government is all over the place. I understand that governments do reports on all sorts of things, but I fundamentally disagree with basing an entire project on a report. The minister is trying to convince the electorate—a guy who he has just duded—to vote for the Liberal Party because their house values will increase. That is what the minister is trying to do. It was a sop to the current member for Bateman, because the minister took his seat. The minister told the electorate not to worry, he will save the day, because he has a report that states that everybody in the member for Bateman's electorate will have an increase in house prices. That is what the minister tried to do, but no-one has bought it. The report states that sometimes there are big increases but —

We stress that current local end prices ... might not rise as much as our findings suggest. All of our case studies are based on infrastructure provision which took place many years ago, at a time when end price points were more affordable than today.

**Mr D.C. Nalder** interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTTI:** Does the minister really want to compare Perth Freight Link with Lane Cove Tunnel? Honestly, if the minister does not believe that it was extraordinarily naive to base his entire project on this report, I do not know what else we can do here. This is not good public policy and there are so many issues relating to this project.

In relation to the contract, I took the opportunity to read the Victorian Auditor-General's report on governments signing contracts on the eve of elections. The report states that it is financially reckless for governments to sign contracts on projects that are not supported by both sides of the Parliament on the eve of an election. I warn government members that this project will be on their heads. The public does not support this project; it does not make economic, financial or environmental sense; and it does not make sense for transport.

**MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle)** [3.28 pm]: It is extraordinary, each time another chapter is added to the Perth Freight Link debacle it becomes more and more incredible—it is astounding. The latest chapter on this government trying to sell the concept that a tunnel will be beneficial to the residents of Hilton, Beaconsfield and White Gum Valley is extraordinary. We have known about the Perth Freight Link project for two years. It was announced just after the 2014 federal budget. No-one had heard of the Perth Freight Link project prior to that, least of all any of the planners who put together our planning documents or the residents who will be affected by the Perth Freight Link.

A couple of months after the announcement of the Perth Freight Link, people in Palmyra got a letter from Main Roads Western Australia that stated that their properties might be impacted by the freight link and that they should get in touch. "Impacted" is a euphemism for "you might lose your house". The residents of Moody Glen and other Palmyra residents were saying, "How can this be? Our houses are not on a road reserve; how could it be that we are about to lose our houses for this extraordinary project?" At the same time, after creating a whole lot of uncertainty for those residents, the minister said, "I don't mind tunnels. I'm a bit partial to a tunnel, so I have asked the department to look at the possibility of tunnelling through the old Fremantle eastern bypass route." That would have impacted on the residents of Hamilton Hill and the area around Clontarf Road. Despite saying that and creating a huge amount of uncertainty and concern for those residents, the minister has never bothered to meet with the residents of Hamilton Hill.

The contracts went out for Roe Highway stage 8 and the second stage of the Perth Freight Link, whether it was the road or tunnel option, and we started to hear rumours that the most straightforward thing to do after Roe 8 would be to build a diagonal tunnel. Those rumours were confirmed in November 2015 by a rather breathless front page of *The West Australian* that reported that the property price increases predicted by a Queensland property analyst would be significant for the residents of Hilton, Beaconsfield and White Gum Valley and that house values could increase by more than 80 per cent if the tunnel option was adopted for stage 2 of the Perth Freight Link. That is just ridiculous. Shane Wright, writing for *The West Australian*, regurgitated that report, but if members read it, they will see that it is embarrassing. It did not consider the alternatives. It did not consider the option of taking freight away from the metropolitan area to the outer harbour; it considered only a tunnel or road option. After the November report, a sensible view was adopted by the residents of Bromley Road, Hilton. The article reads —

John Partlon said the tunnel plan was a farce because Fremantle port did not have the capacity to support it. He said houses would have to be demolished and others would be at risk of damage during the construction ...

The article further reads —

... Kate Iwanowski, who unsuccessfully petitioned Main Roads for a noise barrier, agreed ...

“Don’t spend billions of dollars on infrastructure to a port that can’t support future growth,” Ms Iwanowski said.

A very sensible approach was taken by the Hilton residents who did not buy the rather enthusiastic projected house price increases. Exactly the same report was released in April 2016 and, extraordinarily enough, it got another run. The flaws in that report are numerous and it contains many qualifications. Incredibly, a property analyst has predicted that this tunnel could improve road safety. We have been told absolutely nothing about the effects on road safety. A sensible approach was again taken by the residents. Palmyra resident Tania Smirke was asked on 720 ABC Perth whether she was happy that the tunnel option was to be adopted rather than the road option that would have impacted on her house. According to my notes, she said —

No; I think all this will result in a funnel —

Not a tunnel, but a funnel —

to Stirling Bridge. It will be a car park at Stirling Bridge; it already is now. We need an outer harbour. The community supported us when our houses were going to be impacted, and we will support the residents that are going to be impacted by a tunnel. We will support them.

Quite opposite to the divisive approach of this government and the Mayor of Melville, who say, “Let’s just move your problems down Leach Highway and we’ll give them to the residents impacted by the Perth Freight Link”, the residents of my community are saying, “No, all this is wrong; we need a better solution, and the solution is the outer harbour.” I have to ask why the government is doing this. It can be only to get a better price from the sale of Fremantle port. The government is now openly talking about there being more than two million containers a year in and out of Fremantle harbour—between three and four times the current number—after the opening of the Perth Freight Link. That will mean more dangerous goods on Leach Highway and in the northern suburbs, and more diesel fumes. The sensible solution, as the electorate knows, is to plan and build the outer harbour.

**MR D.C. NALDER (Alfred Cove — Minister for Transport)** [3.35 pm]: I have really looked forward to getting up and correcting some of the myths and misinformation that has been put into the marketplace by the opposition over a period of time. I will provide some background to the situation we are facing with the Perth Freight Link.

Under the previous Labor government, a disgraceful decision was taken to sell off the Fremantle eastern bypass. Subsequent to that decision, the then Minister for Planning and Infrastructure put out a press release in early 2008 that stated that, as a result, the government would need to plan for trucks moving through the southern suburbs and that the government had started the planning process to upgrade High Street and Leach Highway. The then government seemed to forget that those Palmyra residents would be affected by the planning work that was undertaken by the former minister for the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Alannah MacTiernan. That was because the Fremantle Eastern Bypass was sold off; what a disgraceful decision! Members, the people of South Fremantle—I know a lot of them well—are suffering today with trucks that come down Hampton Road because there is no Fremantle Eastern Bypass. The trucks have to go down there from Cockburn, through to the port.

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** That impacts on the member for Fremantle’s constituents who live in that area.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cockburn, put your name down to speak.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Fremantle, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the second time, I believe.

**Mr P. Papalia:** First time.

**The SPEAKER:** Second time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I think those opposite seem to forget, and they do not like the truth.

The federal government—there was a long-term commitment from the Liberal government—recommended that people not buy that land because it would be needed. We have tried to work through to find the best solution. We agree with the former Minister for Planning and Infrastructure because something is needed in the southern suburbs because the intersections through those southern suburbs will fail. Something has to happen. The federal

government committed to provide support to complete Roe stage 8; I will come back to why that is important. That meant we needed to connect it up, and that was the Stock Road solution, which I never felt comfortable with. At the time I explained to the Premier that I wanted to explore other options, and I have done so.

I can categorically say that the Perth Freight Link will save lives. Let me explain why.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Willagee.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** By the end of this, I believe that any rational person would sit here and say, “Why on earth wouldn’t you do this project?” It will save lives, and there are a couple of reasons for that.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Fremantle, I call you to order for the second time. Member for Willagee, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The traffic modelling for South Street and Murdoch Drive shows that it is going to become very congested, and it is going to put at risk people who are trying to get through to the hospital in emergency situations.

**Mr P.C. Tinley:** Table it!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I will.

**Mr P.C. Tinley** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Willagee, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The other issue we have, and the biggest issue for trucks moving through our communities, is the intersections. We currently have the intersection of North Lake Road and Leach Highway as number 11. I stood in this Parliament when Labor argued that the freight route should continue all the way down Leach Highway, yet there are houses that back onto Leach Highway, so we are going to have increasing volumes of trucks coming down Leach Highway past houses that have been battleaxed and have two driveways per block, backing onto a highway with freight trucks coming through. We have never said that that is a wise decision. We said that moving trucks away from traffic lights and intersections would dramatically reduce interactions, and the number of interactions involving trucks on Leach Highway is more than double that of the metropolitan average. This will save lives. By creating a better link from the southern entrance, we actually create a better link to Jandakot Airport; the Royal Flying Doctor Service lands there. This will allow people to get in.

Let me talk a little about the Matusik Property Insights report; I want to move on to that because it actually talks about a major reduction —

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The member for Cannington can get up and make his point.

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call you to order for the second time, member for Cannington.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I would like to talk about this report just for a minute. I had a meeting with the Property Council of Australia WA and at that same meeting were representatives from the Real Estate Institute of Western Australia. Nigel Satterley from Satterley Property Group also happened to be at the meeting. I sat down and asked them a broad question: is there any way we could do an analysis to understand the impact of infrastructure on our communities? They said yes, there was. I asked if they were able to help prepare a report and response.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the first time. I do not want to hear the wall of noise; I think everybody wants to hear this debate.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Representatives of the Department of Transport were also in the room with us when we were talking about getting a better understanding from the marketplace of what the likely impacts would be. I think that is a natural and responsible question to ask. I asked who would be the appropriate people to do an analysis on this report, and they recommended Matusik, amongst others. One of the things they insisted on was that, if an independent property specialist—they provided the recommendations—came to Western Australia to do an analysis, they would support such a report only if that independent analyst worked with them on it. I have followed up with the Property Council and the Real Estate Institute of Western Australia to see whether they are comfortable supporting the findings of this report.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan! Members! Member for Butler, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** If members want to go and speak to the Property Council and the Real Estate Institute of Western Australia, they can be my guest; I encourage them to do so.

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan, I call you to order now for the third time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** At the end of this I will table that report because people have asked why we are coming out with it. We have never actually made it public; we are making the document public so that everybody can go through it and actually understand. I openly encourage any resident or anyone in the community who is going to be impacted by the development of this infrastructure project to go in with an open mind and explore all the arguments on this piece of infrastructure. I encourage them to do so. This report and all the others are sitting on the Main Roads website.

As part of this process, we looked at the movement of vehicles. The reports talk about easing congestion. With regard to the report, I admit that the member for West Swan has a draft version that has errors in it, but there is a final version on the Main Roads website, and I am happy for anyone to explore it. It talks about the modelling on traffic flows. The member for Willagee wanted to understand the modelling around traffic flows as a result of this piece of infrastructure. I will table these reports. They show us projections of what will actually occur in 2021 and 2031 if we construct the extension of Roe Highway through Roe 8 and the Fremantle tunnel and, alternatively, what will happen if we do nothing. It will dramatically reduce congestion on surrounding highways and roads.

One of the things we have talked about is what happens on roads like South Street and access to Murdoch Drive. If we construct the extension, by 2021 we will see a reduction of traffic along South Street from 40 000 vehicles a day down to 28 000. It will open up opportunities for us to explore other things we can do through there, like rapid transit solutions down to Fremantle; that is mentioned in this report. We will dramatically decrease —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members! Member for Fremantle!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** We are talking about 81 000 vehicles a day between North Lake Road and Kwinana Freeway by 2021, and if they do not go through there, they will be going through all the other suburban roads and highways. Of that number, 6 900 will be trucks. I agree that the term “Perth Freight Link” creates the impression that it is all about trucks. I have talked about this in this house before.

*Point of Order*

**Mr P.C. TINLEY:** I know the minister is referring to a piece of paper in his hand. It seems like an official document, and I request him to table the document.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Yes, Mr Speaker, I said I would like to table them when I finish referring to them.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you; that has cleared that one up.

*Debate Resumed*

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** If the member for Willagee listens all the way through, he might learn something. I have projections for both 2021 and 2031. I have shared this information in this house before: 86 per cent of the benefit under the cost–benefit ratio is actually for vehicles other than trucks, but the productivity gains for the trucking industry are large. By moving these trucks away from traffic lights and easing up the traffic flow, the productivity gains are large. It is interesting, because we have been working with the trucking industry for some time, and it has come out in support of this project and is happy to pay a freight charge on the basis that it is a win–win situation.

We have explored the benefits right across the 85 kilometres from Muchea all the way through to Fremantle, and we have looked at productivity measures such as time saved, fuel saved and maintenance saved, and we are talking in excess of one dollar per kilometre in benefits in the modelling to date. We are talking about using a portion of that to fund the state’s contribution, and this is where it gets interesting. We have here an economic model that can potentially fund this infrastructure; I have never seen anything like it from the opposition, ever. We have the support of the industry to continue to explore this and get it right, and we are talking about a win–win situation. I have heard the opposition go out and laud its plan for jobs for Western Australia and creating jobs. I encourage anybody to read through —

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the third time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I encourage anyone in the community to start reading that plan and tell me any tangible benefit in it towards employment. It is full of motherhood statements; there is nothing tangible. I tell members that this infrastructure will deliver 2 400 direct jobs and 10 000 indirect jobs. If members opposite take this project away, they will take 12 500 jobs out of the system for Perth. Let me come to the outer harbour.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Fremantle, I have been very lenient with you; I call you to order for the third time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I am going to make sure that a third document is tabled because it was commissioned under the former Labor government. Maybe members opposite would like to read it. We have said that we have a desire, at the appropriate time, to move the port to the outer harbour but we have also said that Fremantle port's capacity is much higher than the number that opposition members have been espousing. In this place, I have said that the issue is not around Fremantle port's capacity; the issue is the capacity that we, as a community, are prepared to accept at Fremantle port. I refer to "Fremantle Ports Outer Harbour Project", a report that was commissioned for the Department for Planning and Infrastructure by the Environmental Protection Authority. I will table this report but I want to refer to it. It is very important because it shows the flaws in the arguments of members opposite. Four options were considered, including an island base and an island-land base type solution; there were four different scenarios. I quote a passage in the report —

In large part because of the scale of the dredging and reclamation requirements of any of the options, the Outer Harbour Project has the potential to adversely affect a substantial portion of the eastern-shelf of Cockburn Sound. Based on current information, it is not yet possible to form the view that construction and operational impacts for any of the options within Cockburn Sound are likely to be acceptable.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, there is plenty of time on the clock. Get up and talk about it.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I want to give members a sense of how large this thing is. When we talk about Beeliar wetlands—I will come to the environment—we are talking about bridging over six hectares.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Fremantle, is up to you now; if you want to have a rest, carry on.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I will table these facts. Option 1 was for 337 hectares of seagrass that would be impacted; it goes up to just under 400 hectares for option 2—397.85 hectares.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** This is an EPA report—a strategic assessment commissioned by the then Labor government into the probability. We want to explore an outer harbour solution but we are saying that this is not a quick fix.

**Ms R. Saffioti:** What you're doing is corrupt.

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**The SPEAKER:** Withdraw that, member for West Swan.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I withdraw.

*Suspension of Member*

**The SPEAKER:** Right, leave the chamber please; thank you. You have been called to order three times.

[The member for West Swan left the chamber.]

*Debate Resumed*

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** This report was commissioned by the then Labor government. We want to explore it, but we are saying that we have capacity and time to work through it responsibly. There is no need to rush and we should not rush this. The work that needs to happen in Cockburn Sound needs to be considered very carefully. The project cannot just be cancelled and work start immediately on the outer harbour.

**Mr P.C. Tinley** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Willagee, I call you to order for the third time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The commitment of members opposite is that they will cancel this project and start work on the outer harbour immediately. Any responsible government needs to go through a proper process on the environmental impacts of the outer harbour. We are saying that we have time to do that properly; members



opposite want to rush it. If we can get through the environment process, it will take—from the advice that I have—a minimum of four years. Mangles Bay marina is much larger and longer than that. If members look at the Beeliar wetlands, they will know that we are talking about bridging over six hectares and it has taken three years. We are talking about 300 to 400 hectares in Cockburn Sound. It is disgraceful if members opposite think that they can turn around and cancel this project and shift it to the outer harbour in a short period. I can tell members that it will take four years and it will take another six years before the first container is moved down there. In that time, Fremantle will block up. All the roads down there and all the intersections will fail. Members opposite talk about creating jobs; jobs cannot be created down there —

**Ms S.F. McGurk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I have asked one person to leave. The member for Fremantle has been called three times; I am giving you a chance. If you shout out again, you are going to leave.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Members opposite cannot cancel this project and create jobs down there for at least 10 years. Members opposite are purporting nonsense and I am telling them that if they read this report, they better read it in detail and in full. Members opposite better stop misleading—like Scott Ludlam did in his report—the community and start giving it the facts. It is disgraceful.

Let us talk about the last mile into the inner harbour.

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Here we go. The plans have been done for the last mile into the inner harbour. I stood in this house before and said that it will cost in the vicinity of half a billion dollars. It is hilarious that members opposite in this chamber criticise us for doing this project but then they criticise us for not doing the last bit; it does not make one iota of sense. We will complete this project by doing the last mile. Let us have a look at the facts. We have the Main Roads modelling—I have said this in the press—that states that we can fix the intersection. We can do minor capital works on the intersection of Canning and Stirling Highways and the level of traffic will get back to what we have today only by 2026. It buys us time. As a responsible government, we have to prioritise the projects. If I can spend \$3 million, \$4 million or \$5 million to fix an intersection that will give us 10 years, it will allow me to relocate that half a billion dollars across to a public transport project. If that allows me to consider a public transport project, at this point in time, I would say that it is the right decision for this government to take. The plans are done and they can be done at any time. However, from a prioritisation perspective, it is not the right time. We can do that work and I can tell members that Stirling Bridge is not about trucks coming across it; it is about the cars. In the next 10 years, we are going to have to do the work anyway. I told members that on a benefit–cost ratio, it does not change—it changes 0.1—if we take the harbour out of it altogether. This project is important irrespective of what happens with the harbour. I have said that over and again. Now I would like to wrap up to give some other people the opportunity to speak.

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I have said from the outset—this is a conversation I had with the Premier—that I was not happy with the option that we were left by Alannah MacTiernan of coming down High Street and Leach Highway. I said to the Premier at the time that I wanted to go away and explore opportunities and options to see whether there was a better solution that we could provide for the community. I said to the Premier at the time that this would mean I would cop a fair bit of heat for a year until I had this all worked through because I did not have the alternative solution. I have said in this house that I look forward to the day when I can put on the table one version of the truth.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I withheld a final report until I had all the facts together and it could be dealt with all at once. Members opposite want to take a scattergun approach in trying to pull this infrastructure apart. They move from road to rail, to the last mile, the outer harbour and Beeliar wetlands. Let me tell members, for those who are really concerned about the environment, we are bridging over six hectares and we are impacting 30 hectares of virgin bush and around 60 hectares of degraded bush—100 hectares of sand. We still have to do the work to get the project approved but the opposition's project impacts over 400 hectares of coastal plain land. I know the site that is being negotiated. It will be a great habitat on the coastal plain—far greater than what we are impacting in the six hectares of wetlands that we are bridging over.

In a 10-year period over 400 000 tonnes of carbon emissions will be saved. If members opposite are serious about the environment, they need to look at all aspects here. We will manage this environmentally responsibly. We will save lives, create jobs and reduce congestion. What is the opposition offering, because what I have heard is absolutely nothing at all? With that, I would like to table these four pieces.

**The SPEAKER:** Can you just tell us what you are tabling, please?

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Mr Speaker, I will table “Developing Transport Networks; Delivering Safer Roads.”

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you; just let the minister finish!

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** It comes from that report, which the member for member for Willagee was asking me to table. It is the road modelling at 2021 and 2031, if we did nothing or we complete this project by extending Roe Highway and the Fremantle tunnel. I also put the Matusik Property Insights report on the table. I have talked to the CEOs or the heads of both organisations and I am more than comfortable that the Property Council of Australia and the Real Estate Institute of Western Australia are happy to support the findings of this report. I do not purport to be a property expert, but when I have those organisations supporting the findings of it, it makes me feel comfortable. I encourage everybody to read it. Finally, I table a report that was commissioned under the then Labor government looking at four port options in Cockburn Sound. Labor members themselves said that this is going to be hard to deliver, and that is something that we need to work through very carefully, which we have said for some time.

Leave granted. [See papers 4142 to 4145.]

*Point of Order*

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** The last document is already a tabled paper. I wonder whether it can be a tabled paper twice.

**The SPEAKER:** I do not know, but we will table it anyway, just out of abundant caution. Thank you very much.

*Debate Resumed*

**MR P.C. TINLEY (Willagee)** [4.01 pm]: I rise to support this motion and to put paid to the idea that this report in some way is a comprehensive endorsement of this government’s failed plan for the Perth Freight Link. It is nothing short of a sham document by a sham minister in a sham government. The government is no better than a Gold Coast real estate spiv by tabling this report, relying on it, leaking it and getting third party endorsement. The minister is getting his transport advice from property people. That shows the sort of intellectual diligence that he has over this and the management of the state’s transport plan. The minister has no particular vision, strategy or purpose for an inbound or outbound freight strategy for the state of Western Australia other than to save the seats of sitting Liberal members. That is all.

These reports and this report are instructive in one thing—what it leaves out. It outlines about an up to 86 per cent improvement in property values of section 2 of the government’s Perth Freight Link, but it omits the three suburbs on which it will have the most impact. What do I say to the electors in my seat, in the suburbs of Coolbellup, North Lake and Bibra Lake, when the government drives a six-lane black scar through their suburbs? What is going to happen to the property values in those three suburbs? It is very convenient of the minister to use this report to satisfy the syllogistic argument, a stupid argument, that somehow the Perth Freight Link, which is not a freight link, is in some way actually a benefit to the residents of Western Australia. What the minister did not talk about is the Environmental Protection Authority approval the government will need when it puts a road tunnel through there and the diesel particulates come out of those stacks into the suburbs of the residents we represent.

We heard in the Parliament today how the government has constrained the road reserve of the western suburbs because, god forbid, we could have a little bit of extra traffic in the western suburbs! It is all right for the Labor suburbs to hold the trucks; it is all right for the Labor suburbs and for the people of the southern suburbs of this city to suffer under the boot of this government—the poor financial management and the mismanagement of this government. I have to go down and front the electors of Coolbellup, Bibra Lake and North Lake and the people of Western Australia and explain to them that their property and amenity will be stripped from them through the Beelihar wetlands. How are we going to have a future that they can actually believe in? I am really disappointed that the minister is happy to use this report but he will not use one tabled by the Senate of Australia, written after exhaustive investigation by qualified experts on the value of the Perth Freight Link.

I will refer members to the report. There was no dissenting report—no minority report. Members might have a go at us or at the Green senators, but they should have a go at the deputy chair, Senator Heffernan, Senator Gallacher, Senator Chris Back, our own, and Linda Reynolds who also participated in that very same inquiry, who had the opportunity to put a dissenting report, a minority report, but they did not. Their silence was endorsement of the fact that the ambition that this government has to wreck the lives of people in the southern suburbs, to destroy the value of their property and to ruin their lives and the wetlands of the south is just completely baseless in its hope of achieving anything remotely designed to produce an inbound–outbound freight strategy that will survive. The government has had eight years to work on the outer harbour and all it can

do is produce a report from the last Labor government about four options. What has the minister done about releasing the modelling that was done subsequent to that report? He has done nothing—zero. The member for Cannington has had an freedom of information request to the minister's office for some time now for the traffic modelling for the Perth Freight Link. The minister will not release it. Why will he not release it? He is full of secrecy.

**Mr D.C. Nalder** interjected.

**Mr P.C. TINLEY:** Not extracts—the full report. Not selective quoting, like the minister did today—not selective reports from \$37 000 puff pieces. Cut-and-paste cleanskin endorsement is something that is just complete and utter garbage and a waste of space for this state.

**DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton — Treasurer)** [4.06 pm]: I am very happy to make a few comments on this issue. No other issue illustrates the incapacity and inappropriateness of Labor to govern the state. I will go through the history of it as the Minister for Transport went through some. The road, Roe 8 to the port—the port has existed, and will continue to exist, for a long time—has been planned for more than 60 years and we have, in series, built Roe Highway through to the port. It did not just originate there; it has been planned for 60 years. It started with Alannah MacTiernan excising the road reserve for a base political reason to placate interest groups and give commercial value to the adjacent land holders. It was a huge windfall to those landowners. Then she inhibited developing a clear roadway to the port. She then tried to address this, because there are literally hundreds of thousands of trucks in increasing numbers, pouring through the suburbs—your suburbs, my suburbs, the minister's suburbs and the member for Bateman's suburbs. We have to do something about it. What is the opposition's plan? Nothing. It has no plan to address the growth in the volume of truck traffic and the volume of traffic going through those suburbs, except to build an outer harbour, which I will get to. There is no plan and there are no issues. Alannah MacTiernan tried. She put some subsidies on rail. It did not work very well; we got it up to 14 per cent, which is the highest percentage of containers coming into any port in Australia on rail. We are still subsidising that very heavily. She then decided to improve the High Road–Leach Highway access, and she got the Rudd government to put \$100 million aside for it. That was the basis for the second phase of our first Perth Freight Link—Alannah MacTiernan and the Labor party's policy. It included the demolition of houses along the way. All Main Roads did was to take Alannah MacTiernan's policy and to start implementing it. That is when the opposition wrote to the householders. It is the opposition's policy. It was its policy that did that. It was a dog of a policy, and everything the opposition has done with this project has been faulty.

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro! I have told you to speak if you want to.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** In 2005–06, Alannah MacTiernan, with the completion of Roe 7, agreed to build Roe 8 with the federal government, but then it reneged and undermined it. She then said, "Let's move to the outer harbour." She did a lot of work on that and came up with four plans, and then she did it and quite rightly said, "Can we build an outer harbour?" So she got the Environmental Protection Authority to do it.

*Point of Order*

**Ms M.M. QUIRK:** I think the minister should be referring to Hon Alannah MacTiernan as the former minister, not as "she".

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. Treasurer.

*Debate Resumed*

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** The former minister then asked the Environmental Protection Authority to look at the possibility of an outer harbour and the Minister for Transport reiterated some of them. On completion of the report, an article dated 22 September 2006 stated that Alannah MacTiernan admitted that the port might not be viable. These people are saying that we should stop using the port of Fremantle, we should not improve the roads to the port and we should focus on the outer harbour, and are not even questioning the difficulties and the environmental concerns. The opposition expresses great concerns about areas in the Beeliar wetlands but does not express any concern, despite the evidence that it should, about the outer harbour. The members for Warnbro, Rockingham and Kwinana supposedly represent the people along the sound, but they do not give a damn. They just want to put a giant outer harbour in the middle of the sound right now. Do it!

**Mr P.T. Miles:** Environmental vandals.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** They are vandals. They claim to be environmentalists. One thing we can say is that if the member for Gosnells had anything to do with it, he would stop them. He would say no to an outer harbour.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** We have had enough biff. Hansard has to record this.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** The outer harbour will destroy up to 400 hectares of seagrass, but the opposition does not care. It does not ask, “Is this possible? Should we investigate it?” No. More importantly, the outer harbour was always considered to be an overflow port; that is, the port of Fremantle will continue to operate for four years at in excess of 1.2 million twenty-foot equivalent units. There is no option. What is the opposition going to do about the trucks and traffic flowing into the port of Fremantle? Nothing. Who is leading the charge? It is the member for Fremantle. She says that we should keep the trucks rolling. She does not care. She says that we should keep the port going. She does not care. The port of Fremantle, under the existing plans, will continue to operate as a port for decades. No plans have existed for a completely separate harbour. The outer harbour has always been treated as and designed to be an overflow port, even if it could be built, which means that the port of Fremantle would continue. What is the opposition going to do about the operations of the port of Fremantle into future decades even if we build the outer harbour? Nothing. What are we trying to do? We are trying to improve the flow of traffic through the electorates that those opposite represent. Why are members opposite working against their own constituencies? Why are they trying to harm the sound? It is because they do not give a damn. All they want to do is put out propaganda. That is the Labor Party.

**Mr S.K. L’Estrange:** Cheap political points.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** It is making cheap political points. That is the Labor Party—the party that should never be in government because it would run this state down. It has no leadership ability. It is just a political operative. We have a plan to improve the truck and ordinary traffic to the port of Fremantle.

**MR B.S. WYATT (Victoria Park)** [4.14 pm]: Both the Minister for Transport and the member for Riverton spent their entire time blaming —

**Mr S.K. L’Estrange** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I do not want to hear from you.

**Mr B.S. WYATT:** — Alannah MacTiernan. It was the previous Labor government’s fault! I ask the Minister for Health why Perth Freight Link has not been mentioned in one budget or planning document since the Liberal Party has been in power. It was not mentioned in one budget speech or key planning document. The government’s key planning document, “Perth and Peel@3.5 million”, does not mention it. Yet the government says that this is all a debacle from Alannah MacTiernan. This financial Armageddon is going to hit us if we do not build Perth Freight Link. There has been silence from the government for eight years.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** There was plenty of noise from this side when the Treasurer was talking, but I do not want any noise from this side when the member for Victoria Park is talking.

**Mr B.S. WYATT:** There was eight years of silence because the financial Armageddon did not exist. Now the government is looking to retrofit an argument. The Treasurer should be embarrassed that the Minister for Transport has come in here with a document prepared by a Queensland real estate agent. That is his argument—a document prepared by a real estate agent from Queensland.

**Dr M.D. Nahan** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Treasurer, I call you to order for the first time. We have two minutes to go. I want to hear this in silence.

**Mr B.S. WYATT:** That is what the great economist from the Institute of Public Affairs is relying on—a Queensland real estate agent who not only talks about 86 per cent increases in property prices, because, apparently, it is a property plan now, not a transport plan, but also makes comments about the likely casualties we are going to see on our roads. I do not even know whether this bloke made it to Western Australia. Did he? I do not think he did. I think this bloke looked at a few things on Google. He said that he looked at databases from Google Maps and Main Roads Western Australia—all useful things—and this is the Treasurer’s document. Heavens above!

I wrote down what the Minister for Transport said as I was stunned. He said, “I sat there with REIWA and I sat there with the Australian Property Council and I asked them, ‘Is there any way we can do an analysis and understand the impact of infrastructure in our communities?’” Yes, there is. We have been doing it for years. The Treasurer can go to the Economic Regulation Authority; it will do a pretty good job. He can go to Treasury; it will do a pretty good job. Instead he went to Matusik, some dude in Queensland who makes a habit out of predicting property prices in Melbourne, the Sunshine Coast and Sydney. That is his justification. It is clear that he did not make it over to the west coast to even analyse or look at the roads we are talking about. I am interested in whether the Deputy Premier backs the statistics around road crashes and fatalities that Mr Matusik is apparently commenting on. Despite being silent on this issue for eight years, if the Treasurer is going to commit \$2 billion of public money to a project, he should explain it. John Day, the Minister for Health, just said during question time that the government is spending \$500 000 on the Quadriplegic Centre. He spent \$38 000 on this joke. He should do his job.

*Division*

Question put and a division taken with the following result —

Ayes (18)

Ms L.L. Baker	Mr D.J. Kelly	Mr P. Papalia	Mr P.B. Watson
Mr R.H. Cook	Mr F.M. Logan	Ms M.M. Quirk	Mr B.S. Wyatt
Ms J. Farrer	Mr M. McGowan	Mrs M.H. Roberts	Mr D.A. Templeman ( <i>Teller</i> )
Ms J.M. Freeman	Ms S.F. McGurk	Mr C.J. Tallentire	
Mr W.J. Johnston	Mr M.P. Murray	Mr P.C. Tinley	

Noes (34)

Mr P. Abetz	Mr J.H.D. Day	Mr R.F. Johnson	Dr M.D. Nahan
Mr F.A. Alban	Ms W.M. Duncan	Mr S.K. L'Estrange	Mr J. Norberger
Mr C.J. Barnett	Mr J.M. Francis	Mr R.S. Love	Mr D.T. Redman
Mr I.C. Blayney	Mrs G.J. Godfrey	Mr W.R. Marmion	Mr A.J. Simpson
Mr I.M. Britza	Dr K.D. Hames	Mr J.E. McGrath	Mr M.H. Taylor
Mr G.M. Castrilli	Mrs L.M. Harvey	Ms L. Mettam	Mr T.K. Waldron
Mr V.A. Catania	Mr C.D. Hatton	Mr P.T. Miles	Mr A. Krsticevic ( <i>Teller</i> )
Mr M.J. Cowper	Mr A.P. Jacob	Ms A.R. Mitchell	
Ms M.J. Davies	Dr G.G. Jacobs	Mr N.W. Morton	

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Pairs

Mr J.R. Quigley	Mr B.J. Grylls
Dr A.D. Buti	Ms E. Evangel

Question thus negated.

**CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (INTERFERENCE WITH WAR MEMORIALS) BILL 2015  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

*Removal of Orders — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland):** I inform members that, in accordance with standing order 144A, the orders of the day that appeared on the last notice paper as private members' business order of the day 1, "Criminal Code Amendment (Interference with War Memorials) Bill 2015", and private members' business order of the day 2, "Unemployment in Western Australia", have not been debated for more than 12 calendar months and have been removed from the notice paper. I advise that a bill removed from the notice paper under the standing order may be restored by motion to the point it had reached prior to its removal.

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

*Council Membership*

Message from the Council received and read notifying that Hon Helen Morton had been appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Audit.

**BILLS**

*Returned*

1. Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Bill 2015.
2. Land Administration (South West Native Title Settlement) Bill 2015.

Bills returned from the Council without amendment.

**HEALTH SERVICES BILL 2016**

*Third Reading*

**MR J.H.D. DAY (Kalamunda — Minister for Health)** [4.24 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a third time.

**MR R.H. COOK (Kwinana — Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** [4.24 pm]: Mr Acting Speaker, before I start, can I clarify how long I can speak on this bill? It is 30 minutes.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr N.W. Morton):** It is 30 minutes, yes.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I would therefore like to thank the opposition Whip, as I have prepared a speech of about 15 minutes!

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** That is fine!

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I could speak slowly.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** Quality is better than quantity!

**Mr R.H. COOK:** You never know your luck, minister; it could be!

I am very pleased to rise to speak on the Health Services Bill 2016, which we had the opportunity to discuss in great detail. Obviously, one of the reasons we got that opportunity was that, once again, we utilised the second chamber, which allowed members on this side of the chamber to cross-examine at length the former Minister for Health and his advisers about the provisions of the bill. I take the opportunity to thank the former Minister for Health—although I am not reflecting on the current Minister for Health—for the way he handled the bill. I think I can speak for all members of the Legislation Committee when I say that he provided ample opportunity for us to discuss each of the clauses that we were concerned about and, in doing so, he was also prepared to back the judgement of the committee in the face of contrary advice from the advisers and make some changes to the bill. It was very pleasing that the minister had the confidence to take some of those changes on board and, as a result, we have made some changes to the bill. I think the member for Mirrabooka in particular was most effective in getting some of her amendments up. It is pleasing that we were able to influence the legislation in that way. In discussing the process in the second chamber, I should say that it puts a lot of pressure on the advisers because it means that we can ask about detail directly of the advisers and engage in that manner rather than, as you would be familiar with, Mr Acting Speaker, in the consideration in detail process in this place whereby there is a more stilted debate because all answers have to go through the minister. In engaging in that way, we were able to get into a great deal more useful, constructive and detailed debate.

I also put on record my appreciation to the director general of the Department of Health, Dr Russell-Weisz, and his staff, Ms Rebecca Brown and Ms Robyn Daniels, and others from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office. I mention those advisers in particular because they always made themselves available to give advice on this bill, including having one meeting on a Sunday afternoon, which I thought was well and truly above and beyond the call of duty. It was good to get that detailed advice.

It is true that we have some significant concerns about the timing and manner of this legislation. What we were able to ascertain in the Legislation Committee is that this legislation will add extra administrative costs to the department. If that came at a time when the department was not under extreme budgetary duress, perhaps we could say that we could afford the extra fat to spend the extra half a million or million dollars on a governance model and governance principles and that that would be a good investment for the smooth running of the department. However, of course, at this time in the debate, the department is not only under extreme budgetary stress, but also subject to savage cuts by this government to not only services, but also staff, which has been confirmed by departmental spokespeople in the media and by the minister's advice to this place during question time today. In fact, 717 full-time equivalents will be removed from the Department of Health in the coming months. Of those, 359 alone will be at Fiona Stanley Hospital. We therefore ask ourselves: Is it the right time for the minister to be spending money on sitting fees for board members and extra administrative staff to look after these boards? Is it the time for the minister to be making this sort of gesture? I know we are not talking about the same sort of numbers, but how these things are perceived is very much a matter of politics. I do not care whether he believes that telling someone their contract has expired and their services are no longer required is technically speaking not sacking. I think it is. We know there is still work to be done but because of the way many employment arrangements are made nowadays, many staff are on contracts. Because these people are being sacked, as we claim they are, two events are occurring: firstly, a department is stripping itself of over 700 staff and, secondly, a minister is putting through this house of Parliament the Health Services Bill, which will increase the financial burden upon the Department of Health. We are quite rightly questioning the government's motives, timing and intent concerning that because it must be galling to the staff in our wards who see their colleagues being removed from their positions. It must be galling to nurses who look around and see no ward clerk because they are not allowed to replace their ward clerks during the day. It must be galling to staff who have to explain to patients that the paediatrician they normally expect to see on roster at five o'clock on a weekday is not there and cannot be replaced. It must be galling to staff to see a government act in this manner, ripping as it is into the fabric of the health department and its services while at the same time furnishing itself with a nice piece of legislation that will allow the minister to appoint some friends to some boards and, essentially, bulk out the department's administrative costs. The minister will say that the numbers are not of great consequence.

Are you feeling lonely, as I am, minister?

**Mr D.T. Redman** interjected.

[Quorum formed.]

**Mr R.H. COOK:** It is good to have everyone back. I am sure the Leader of the Nationals is pleased to have everyone come and join us.

As I was saying, it must be galling to people who see what this government is doing to the health services and the health workers of this state in passing legislation that will impose extra costs on the department. These extra costs will not pay for additional staffing, improved equipment, extended clinic times or extra operations. The money associated with this bill will quite simply pay for the department's administrative overheads. That will build in fixed costs to the department, and that means the department will have to cut even more deeply into the health workforce to achieve the budgetary restraint the government so desperately craves now that it has wrecked the state's finances. As I said in my second reading contribution, this sign that says "Due to staff shortages, the ward will not have a ward clerk available to cover today", has been issued to all ward clerks at Fiona Stanley Hospital because they know that if a ward clerk is sick, on leave or cannot for some reason staff the ward on the day, there will be no-one to replace them. On the one hand, the minister is furnishing himself with these luxurious boards while on the other hand a department is being cut to the bone. The Australian Medical Association says that the department's resources, leanness and budgetary performance are already drum tight.

It is not surprising that we come to the third reading debate in this place with some significant concerns about this legislation. Of course, in the Legislation Committee stage, and via some briefings, we learned—we were all a bit confused about why it took so long for this legislation to come to this place—that the minister has already appointed interim board members and interim board chairs because it was anticipated that this legislation would be in place much earlier. It is anticipated that those interim board chairs and members will be appointed to their substantive positions once this legislation has been passed, which is expected to be by 30 June. However, this legislation took a long time to come to this place and now we understand why. It is because the previous Minister for Health was obsessed with establishing the East Metropolitan Health Service Board and the East Metropolitan Health Service division as part of this legislative process. That is fine; we can do that but there is an implication from that; namely, that we build in further fixed costs, further cost overheads—further administrative burdens on a department when, as I said, this current minister wants to sack over 700 staff. Further administrative burdens will be put on the department while, in a budgetary sense, the department is itself under attack from the current minister. What a great parting gift from the former minister, Minister Hames, to Minister Day in saying, "Okay, Minister Day, here's the portfolio. By the way, I've wrecked the budget and built in a few fiscal booby traps for you, so we've now increased the fixed-cost element of this department, and congratulations you'll have to cut more staff. Anyway I have to go fishing. Thanks for your time and thanks for your patience; I'm out of here." In sporting parlance, what an extraordinary hospital pass to send across to Minister Day and what a debacle of a portfolio for him to inherit. We know Minister Day was a reluctant recruit to the health portfolio. I do not know why; it is a great policy area.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** I was neither actively seeking the role nor reluctant.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** If he was agnostic, as he claims he was prior to his initial briefing, I can imagine that after his initial briefing from the outgoing minister from his senior departmental official, he said, "What? We're creating a whole new board and you want me to sack how many staff? You want me to create another board and we are what over budget?" He would have said, "Let me get this straight, Kim; you want me to employ a whole lot of new board members while at the same time you want me to sack a whole bunch of ward clerks, a whole bunch of nursing staff and a whole bunch of cleaners and other people, but, hang on, you want me to appoint and to pay a whole new board in the system." Kim would have said, "Yes, that's right, John; it's a great idea, isn't it?" Minister Day would have said, "I bet part of your harebrained idea is that this whole new health services board has its own tertiary hospital, its own cancer services, its own trauma centre." Minister Hames would have said, "Yes, that's right, John." Minister Day would have said, "Kim you're mad." But this is the department the minister has inherited. I understand that it is the government's prerogative to establish a new framework of governance for the Department of Health. I can understand that it looked at a map and saw that Royal Perth Hospital sits there, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital sits there and Fiona Stanley Hospital sits there. Three hospitals and the Child and Adolescent Health Service board and the WA Country Health Service board—it is a lot of boards, but it makes sense; on the map it kind of makes sense.

Let us be acutely aware throughout this debate that there are costs associated with these decisions. We understand that the extra costs are in the order of \$500 000 to \$1 million. On Thursday, we will see the budget brought down. Hopefully, part of that budget will redress one of the two big blights on our health services—that is, Graylands Hospital and the Quadriplegic Centre. We know that the government through successive decisions has forgone the opportunity to rescue the poor patients stuck in Graylands Hospital and for year after year the opportunity to redevelop Osborne Park Hospital, which has now disappeared out of the forward estimates. The government has wrecked the finances and spent \$500 million on Elizabeth Quay. That is \$500 million this minister cannot spend on patients in substandard facilities at Graylands Hospital. The minister has forgone the opportunity to redevelop that hospital. Although this minister was responsible for spending half a billion dollars on Elizabeth Quay, we know that he will not spend a brass razoo to rebuild the Quadriplegic Centre.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** You're being very economical with the truth on a number of aspects.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** No, I am not. Although the minister is fresh to this portfolio in this term of government, I have been there year after year. I asked the honourable Graham Jacobs those same questions when I was shadow Minister for Mental Health, and I have asked Hon Kim Hames those question every year. Why has the government deferred upgrading Osborne Park Hospital to improve mental health facilities and to create the capacity to close wards, such as Smith and Murchison, at Graylands Hospital? Why not pull those patients out of Graylands Hospital so that there is a redevelopment opportunity there? I asked ministers why they continually deferred that decision and they said that it was not their priority yet. They would push out that decision year after year. Towards the end of his time in the role, the acting director general of Health, Professor Stokes, would wring his hands and say that what we were doing to those patients was dreadful and the facility should be retired. The retirement of that facility was entirely in government members' hands. The government decided not to retire that facility. The government decided that it had other priorities. On Thursday, the government will demonstrate again that it has priorities other than the Quadriplegic Centre. We know from the previous Minister for Health's public utterances that he has presented multiple business cases to the current minister and other cabinet colleagues about redeveloping the Quadriplegic Centre, which have been ignored or rejected. We know that the previous Minister for Health went about undertaking an extensive review of the Quadriplegic Centre in 2015 and that that report is before the minister at the moment, and that the minister will take the opportunity on Thursday to do yet another report.

It is interesting that the only money the government can afford to spend on the Quadriplegic Centre is pretty much the same cost that with a stroke of a pen today we will provide the Department of Health to construct these new boards. Does that not speak volumes about the morality and the priorities of this government? Minister Hames had known for some time that the Quadriplegic Centre was in need of upgrade. He said, on the record, to the media, that failure to upgrade or rebuild the Quadriplegic Centre would mean that he had failed as a minister. In October 2015, he said that he would be taking a business case to and responding to that business case in the 2015–16 budget. Clearly, the previous minister was under a very apparent expectation that this would be the year that the government would actually do the right thing and redevelop the Quadriplegic Centre. Something has gone dreadfully wrong in the exchange of the health portfolio between ministers, because we have yet another consultant's report under the new Minister for Health. The new minister has sort of learnt from the old minister that if there is a political problem, he should get Professor Bryant Stokes to do a consultant report. If there is a crisis, such as there is in the mental health portfolio, the government gets Professor Stokes to do a report. If there is a crisis in the management of a public hospital, such as the Peel Health Campus, the government gets Professor Stokes to do a report. Now that we have a crisis in the Quadriplegic Centre, the minister has gone back to the old Barnett government health portfolio trick of getting Professor Stokes to do a report. We know that the time for reports is over. This government has considered multiple business cases and we know that it is in possession of a report undertaken last year that provides extensive planning and recommendations about what is required in a new Quadriplegic Centre. This area of the health portfolio does not need another report; it needs a minister who is prepared to take action. We have seen that this minister is prepared to bring legislation into this place that will create a new board and new costs associated with the Department of Health, but he is not prepared to take action on the Quadriplegic Centre. This issue is about priorities.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** That is clearly not what I said.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** The minister has made it quite clear in the media and in question time today that he would be seeking further reports on the Quadriplegic Centre. The minister has made it quite clear through his dampening of public expectations that there will be no money in the budget for the redevelopment of the Quadriplegic Centre other than for the engagement of further reports.

I know that the minister is new to the portfolio, but this is not a new policy issue. This issue has been brewing for a number of years, and, perhaps, we are to blame. I think the Quadriplegic Centre first put up its hand in 2004 and said that this is an issue, but it is no longer an issue; it is a crisis that the government has had front and centre of its cabinet deliberations. I think the minister agrees with me that the time is over for further consultant reports. It is now time to put substantial dollars into capital works at this centre to bring it up to standards that meet modern-day expectations in terms of caring for those people.

I say this by way of background, because we said at the beginning of this debate that we oppose legislation that does little more than create a board coming into this place at a time when we are under such fiscal demand. The legislation does little more than create an extra metropolitan health service area and its financial impact will be an extra cost burden on the department. We had an opportunity to go through the legislation in detail, and, by and large, I agree with the framework the government has put in place. It is unrealistic to expect that a department with a budget of \$8 billion can be driven from a single policy point of leadership; that is, to expect a single director general of Health to be able to control this behemoth of a department with its multiple cost centres is simply unrealistic into the future. We have to find a new way to move forward.



The Health Services Bill 2016 mirrors legislation in other states, and many of the reforms around hospital trusts in the United Kingdom's National Health Service. I think a fairly good balance has been struck by not going to the bizarre lengths that Victoria has, where something like 28 boards manage its hospitals. Nevertheless, extra boards will be created that will result in extra cost burdens on the department.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** How many do you think there should be, if any?

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I would have started with two—north and south.

**Mrs G.J. Godfrey:** We need one in the east.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I think that is probably correct, member, but I suspect we are between five and 10 years ahead of needing one in the east. But if there is one now, we can grow into that and that is fair enough. The member for Belmont was in this place when I said that the implications of extra boards are the building of extra cost structures. Sure as eggs are eggs, the east will say, "The south and north have these services and we should have them in the east." The challenge for the government and department leaders will be to say, "Hang on; it's probably true that they have this service at Joondalup and at Fiona Stanley Hospital, but that doesn't mean that you need that service at Royal Perth Hospital." We have seen how empires are created inside the health system. It will be a huge challenge to stop the duplication of services that will inevitably happen. The clinical services framework process will now be even more crucial and have to be even more tightly managed to make sure that we do not get that service creep—that might be a way to describe it. Managing the expectations of the boards in that process will be a very difficult task indeed.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** It sounds like you are very supportive of reform; that is good to hear.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I am absolutely supportive of reform. I have said that a lot of elements of this legislation are commonsense, and if we could do that outside the political prism of cuts to literally hundreds of staff, that would be a very much better situation in which to find ourselves during the reform agenda.

There will also be some challenges around the activity-based funding model for hospitals. Before, there was perhaps an incentive for hospitals to manage activity inside their facilities. There will now be an element of them being encouraged to create activity to maintain their budgets.

Alas—I am sure the minister will be disappointed to hear this—I am running out of time. This legislation comes at a time of vicious budget cuts. The people paying that price will not be board members or the minister constructing the boards under this legislation; they will be the staff now being sacked and the patients who will experience a consequential decline in the services offered to them. It is unfortunate that the government has seen fit to increase the financial administrative burden on the department at a time of cutting services and staff in the health department.

**MS L.L. BAKER (Maylands)** [4.54 pm]: The debate on the Health Services Bill 2016 has been, I think, very productive. I greatly enjoyed the committee room stage, during which we drilled down into the aspects of the bill that concerned us. I will speak about one concern around the Health Services Bill 2016 and reiterate some of what I said in my second reading contribution. I agree that a decentralised model looks like it is the best way to pursue funding the sector, but of great concern to me are the problems or challenges around how policy outcomes will be driven down through the whole network.

I particularly want to talk about children, because of the five boards proposed to be established that we heard referred to in a previous debate—including the North Metropolitan Health Service, the East Metropolitan Health Service, the South Metropolitan Health Service and the WA Country Health Service—of particular interest to me is the Child and Adolescent Health Service. I raise the issue of children's health because I think we have all recently been recipients of the foundation paper titled "The Valuing Children Initiative". I will use the reference material provided in that paper in referring to the state of children's health in Western Australia.

Where did the Valuing Children Initiative come from? The author of the foundation paper is Linda Savage, who, until last year, was a member of the upper house. She has probably been one of the most formidable advocates of early childhood education that I have seen in this Parliament in my eight years as a member. She is a truly remarkable woman with a very large intellect and a very large passion for and commitment to seeing the benefits of early childhood education realised.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** It's a pity she's not a member of the Legislative Council still.

**Ms L.L. BAKER:** It is indeed.

**Mrs G.J. Godfrey:** Hear, hear! She was very good.

**Ms L.L. BAKER:** I miss her; she is a good friend as well as a valued expert.

I turn to the Valuing Children Initiative foundation paper to cite some of its information. I am sure some members have had the chance to read this paper on child health and wellbeing. The initiative was created by two people, the friendship and support of whom over my years in the sector I reflect on dearly. One is the wonderful

Tony Pietropiccolo, who I think now uses a calculator to work out how long he has run Centrecare—I think it was 30 years some time ago. He has run Centrecare, on behalf of the Catholic Church in Western Australia, with remarkable efficiency and great love from his staff. When he was president of the Western Australian Council of Social Service and I was CEO, he would spend many hours explaining the ins and outs of the Catholic Church. In answer to my somewhat naive questions about why we do not have nuns anymore, he would embark on a three-hour lecture, over lots of very good strong short black and espresso coffees, and give me his take on that. He always said to me that until we were prepared as a society to lift the carpet and look underneath it, we would never be able to confront some of the more distasteful and, indeed, quite horrific aspects of child wellbeing in this country. I know his commitment has been very deep and very ongoing. Basil Hanna, who runs the Parkerville Children and Youth Care facility, has done remarkable work in this state. I am probably stretching it to say that the George Jones Child Advocacy Centre at Gosnells is particularly Basil's model because child advocacy centres using that model have been rolled out all over the developed world. They have proved to be invaluable in tackling the reporting of child abuse and strengthening the health and wellbeing of children through the bringing together of multidisciplinary services. They provide a friendly environment where children can feel confident that they are welcome and will be heard. Basil's commitment through Parkerville Children and Youth Care and his boards, and Tony Pietropiccolo's commitment through Centrecare and his long investment in the health and wellbeing of children came together to form the Valuing Children Initiative. The initiative reflects the growing concern in our community that, despite compelling evidence about what a child needs to flourish, this has not always successfully translated into action, into resources and, indeed, into even better outcomes for children.

It is important to recognise the positives and the capacity for progress. The marked improvements in the rates of survival at birth and in infancy and the decrease in cancer-related deaths amongst children is also notable. There has been a significant decline in the number of accidents and deaths in childhood, and life expectancy has improved for most children overall. Australia is ranked in the top third by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development for approximately one-quarter of indicators for child and youth health and wellbeing. It leads the world in low youth smoking rates, some educational and employment outcomes and environmental conditions at home.

Despite these achievements, there are significant areas of concern for the health and wellbeing of children. The latest Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth report card, "The Wellbeing of Young Australians", was published in 2013. Based on empirical data from a range of organisations, and input from more than 37 000 children and young people about their hopes, needs and desires, it reported that despite many positive steps being taken, there is evidence to suggest Australian children and youth are not faring as well as they could. In an international context, Australia could best be described as middle-of-the-road, and that is pretty sad, really. In relation to the health services framework that we move forward under, I think it underwrites why I am so concerned that the policy directions of this government and future governments can be appropriately relayed out through a decentralised system and guide the work that is being done at a local level through our health system.

Comparative indicators across OECD countries show that Australia is not doing so well in the areas of child poverty; infant mortality for certain groups of newborns; youth participation in education and employment; the incidence of diabetes, obesity and mental illness; the sexualisation of children; and a lack of school readiness. One in four Australian children are overweight or obese. Those figures should be of grave concern to our health system, and, indeed, to our whole society; it is not just the health system that should be concerned. In Australia, almost one-fifth of children live below the poverty line and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children continue to bear a far greater burden of our failure to protect children and to provide them with a good childhood. We have only to open the newspaper or turn on the radio to hear the dreadful consequences of some of the trauma that our Aboriginal children face every day.

In the last two decades we have seen reports on the revealing and shocking extent of the sexual abuse of children in institutions and in their own homes. Indeed, Peter Blaxell's report into St Andrew's Hostel, Katanning, which was brought into this Parliament some eight years ago, was scathing in its view of the abuse that had taken place in that hostel and went a long way towards saying how we could avoid this happening in the future. My concern is that we are still not in a position to unequivocally say that things are better for children in Western Australia. We really cannot hold our hand on our heart and say that children will be listened to and given any more credibility now than they were 20 years ago when the dreadful abuses that we read so much about were being perpetrated in St Andrew's Hostel against those children by trusted members of the community.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse commenced in 2013 and is due to report in 2017. The level of abuse that is being reported would probably be shocking to most adult Australians. The National Children's Commissioner, in her "Children's Rights Report 2015", estimated that one in 28 children first experience sexual abuse by a family member before the age of 15 years. Notifications to child protection services in Australia have increased in the last three years, as well as the number of substantiated cases. Of the more than 40 000 substantiated cases of neglect and emotional, physical and sexual abuse, more

than 5 000 were cases of sexual abuse. The commissioner commented that it was likely that these figures were an underestimation of the number of children abused and neglected. She is quoted in the Valuing Children Initiative's "Foundation Paper April 2015" as saying —

*'Australia is a wealthy nation that ranks well in comparison with other developed countries on many measures of health and wellbeing. However, evidence indicates that many children and young people face a range of issues including behavioural and emotional problems and mental health issues, living in jobless families, witnessing or experiencing violence in their family, starting school poorly equipped to learn and being homeless.'*

The Valuing Children Initiative points to a number of issues. The modelling of the long-term economic benefits of investing in children to give them a good start in life and the support they require while growing up provides more evidence that enhancing the lives of children and helping them reach their potential benefits not only children but also the whole community. Social and wellbeing outcomes are increasingly recognised alongside economic indicators as a measure of a nation's success. I say again that children and young people's health is critical to the overall success of the community. Therefore, the kinds of policies we see coming out must be well managed throughout the community. We currently do not have a system in place in Western Australia for looking at our legislation through the lens of how it impacts on children. That is how the human rights legislation in Victoria works, for example; it is also how human rights legislation works in other countries. It provides a framework for viewing legislation. It does not necessarily mean that governments do not pass legislation because it does not comply with human rights legislation; it means that when legislation is brought to Parliament, we can tell Parliament why it is that the legislation sits outside what would normally be acceptable human rights standards. I think that is a good model to think about in this state.

Over the last decade, states and territories have legislated to establish statutory bodies headed by commissioners and guardians for children and young people. Our inaugural Commissioner for Children and Young People, Michelle Scott, was appointed in 2007, and the new commissioner was appointed only recently. We very much look forward to seeing how he influences the health and wellbeing of children in Western Australia into the future.

People working at the coalface of child health and wellbeing understand that in tackling the most basic responsibility to protect children, they cannot do it alone. They cannot simply on their own provide all the support required by families in need and reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect if they act as an island. Child protection approaches now recognise that protecting children is, indeed, everyone's business, and that parents, communities, governments, non-government organisations and businesses all have a role to play. The question we need to ask is, as I said earlier: have attitudes to children evolved to keep pace with what the community expects for children, what it believes they deserve, and what children have a right to expect? It is not an easy question but, as Linda Savage points out, it is a question that must be asked if we are to move closer to the goal of ensuring that all children have a caring, safe and supportive childhood. It is a question made even more urgent in the face of the stark knowledge of our failure in many areas to protect children from abuse.

What we need to consider with regard to the Health Services Bill 2016 is how we make sure that the policy environment going forward with devolved boards will include very strong links back towards the kind of community that we want to live in, how we want children to be raised and cared for, and how we want to protect them in their journey to adulthood. In my contribution to the second reading debate, I specifically mentioned how we can influence the boards to make sure that they cover Aboriginal child health and that the kinds of programs and services that are being rolled out are effective at addressing the diversity in our community, whether that be Aboriginal health, migrant health or whatever it is. These new six to 10-member committees must be able to respond to the overall needs of health services in our state.

As I said, it was a very good experience to be involved in the debates around the Health Services Bill 2016. My colleagues raised issues, including relating to staffing and the appointment of staff to these boards and to some of the regulations that have come in to manage the chief executive officer's appointment. The former minister approved some changes during these debates and I think he accepted several amendments, which he seemed to be quite comfortable with. He seemed to be very accepting of the need for the boards to reflect not only a good diversity of Australians but also strong employment standards, and to be able to put in place very good systems to manage a devolved health service in our state. I do not want to add a lot more to my final comments about the Health Services Bill. In my contribution to the second reading debate, I spoke about making sure that the governance of health recognises and responds to the kinds of experiences that particular groups and individuals in our community have. I also spoke about the impact of the over-consumption of alcohol, the use of illicit drugs, eating disorders and the need to make sure that we have a strong women's health plan in the state and how that will be managed across these new boards and across the service providers. Because I do not know enough about the health system and the way that it intends to do this, I will be very interested to hear how that might happen in the future. Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to this debate. I look forward to hearing how the needs of children in this state will be met under this new deregulated system.

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah)** [5.12 pm]: I cannot let the opportunity of the third reading of the Health Services Bill 2016 pass without reflecting on the debate that took place both during the second reading stage and what was a comprehensive consideration in detail process. It is important that we reflect on what this bill does.

As highlighted in the second reading speech by the former Minister for Health, a number of the clauses relate to defining a range of responsibilities and entities like the ministerial body and the establishment and oversight of that ministerial body; the minister's delegation powers; the administration of the act by the department of the chief executive officer; the issues associated with health service providers, their role and function; service agreements, which are made between the department CEO and the commission CEO; the issues associated with fees and charges for health services and other matters; and accountability and financial provisions that appear under part 7 of the bill. Elements within this bill that were borne out by debate during the consideration in detail stage also highlight a number of matters that concern criminal misconduct of employees of the department, or of the health sector; disciplinary matters associated with that; and controls of conduct and traffic on health service provider land, which is something that I will focus on shortly. The bill also includes a range of miscellaneous and transitional measures.

I have said in this place before, and it is my firm belief, that there is now a need for a concise and visionary health plan for Peel as it exists as a regional entity within Western Australia. I premise that call with the following facts. The Peel region continues to be seen by government as an area that will have population growth. As highlighted in the Perth and Peel@3.5 million document and also the subsequent growth plans or green growth plans and other planning processes, including the Peel region blueprint that comes under the Minister for Regional Development's jurisdiction, there is now a very clear need for a plan that determines and outlines to the population who live in the Peel catchment area the current scope of services in public health; the role and future role of Peel Health Campus in delivering services for the growth of the region; and the current and future role of Murray District Hospital, which, of course, is the other major health facility in the Peel. Boddington has its own health facility as well. For some time now, my questioning in this place has always been: in the clinical services framework, where does the Peel region fit in terms of delivery? As we know, particularly the western part of the Peel region that encompasses Mandurah and the Shire of Murray, services are delivered predominantly through the South Metropolitan Health Service under its clinical framework. That framework was guided, of course, by the Reid report, which was the overarching plan for the state's delivery of health services. No Minister for Health in this place, particularly recent Ministers for Health, has been able to answer the question for me of what is the overall plan as Mandurah and the Peel region grow to the populations that are projected in the next 20 years. Bear in mind that the growth in the Peel region will not only continue in the City of Mandurah and the Shire of Murray, but will also be in the Shire of Waroona and, of course, in the Shires of Boddington and Serpentine-Jarrahdale. Most of Serpentine-Jarrahdale's health services are delivered via its immediate health facility, the closest hospital being Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital. However, the need for clarification of the plans is important because the answer we keep getting back from a local perspective—whether it is a person seeking localised services in Mandurah, Dawesville, or the Shire of Murray—is the constant fallback position that because we are part of the South Metropolitan Health Service area, we will need to look to the resources to the north of the region for many of the services that people expect to be delivered locally.

There is no argument about Fiona Stanley Hospital being the key tertiary hospital for the population that lives there—that is, for my family who live there and for the many families who call the Peel region home. There is no argument that those services of a tertiary nature will be delivered from Fiona Stanley. However, as I have said in this place before, that is not an excuse for services to be lost from the region to Fiona Stanley to the detriment of a localised service provision. One of the problems that many people unfortunately do not understand is that there are assumptions that many of the services that should be delivered to the Peel can be delivered centrally from Perth or from Perth-based and metropolitan-based services. The fact is that people do not expect that. The expectation is that services, many of them simple and basic, should still be delivered locally.

I will give the minister an example in mental health. I might be drawing a short straw, but I want to give this example of health service provision. A big issue locally in Mandurah and Peel in the last month has been a serious number of young people taking their own lives. It has caused great consternation in the community. I know for a member such as the member for Kimberley this is a massive tragedy, because even our tragic numbers in the last month do not compare to the appalling statistics that come out of the Kimberley. However, as the member for Kimberley would know, the devastation of the suicide of a young person, or any person, but particularly a young person, is far reaching, and the impact is immeasurable on family, friends, peers and the wider community. One of the problems is the presumption that many of the services currently provided in mental health can be provided from Perth. That is simply not the real story. Indeed, there are programs, one in particular, that need some funding to help deliver and coordinate services locally where they are needed—and where they are timely. I want to give members an example. In a population of Mandurah of 80 000-plus, with a wider regional population of over 120 000, and expected to grow to around 200 000 within five years, there are no mental health beds in the Peel region at all. That was borne out by my question to the Minister for Mental

Health on 28 April this year. In asking about the “Western Australian Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Plan 2015–2025”, I asked specifically: how many of the 10 mental health beds announced in the plan for Peel will actually be located in the Peel region at the Peel Health Campus? The answer was none. The 10 beds will be provided in Rockingham, and they will be operational in the second half of this year. People say, “Okay; Rockingham is only up the road”, but they miss the fact that the population centre is in Mandurah and will grow to the east. We will have growth through to Pinjarra. That growth is occurring in that eastern corridor between Mandurah and Pinjarra, and the population projections are 90 000-plus people living there within the Perth and Peel@3.5 million plan.

It makes sense to begin to have a health plan for Peel that is about localised services, and not just provide the excuse or the standard answer: “You will have to travel. You will have to go to Perth. You will have to go to Fiona Stanley. You will have to go to Rockingham.” That is not what people in Peel expect, and indeed it is not what they deserve. These people deserve quality health services delivered locally. I have mentioned this point in this place a number of times. For example, if a person breaks their arm in Mandurah and goes to the Peel Health Campus, the likelihood is that they will not have their arm set and follow-up appointments in Mandurah. The treatments will occur most likely in Fremantle with the fracture team and/or sometimes in Royal Perth Hospital. They say, “You’re good; you’ve got a fracture team up the road.” But the expectation is that that service will be delivered locally. It is a basic fundamental service when a person breaks their wrist or arm. If it is a compact fracture needing higher level treatment, absolutely go elsewhere. But the likelihood under the current system with a basic cracking or breaking of an arm is that they will be transferred from Peel to another institution, and any follow-up appointments will not take place locally, but wherever they have been sent.

I remember when I grieved about this matter some time ago to the former Minister for Health the member for Eyre, he could not believe it. As a general practitioner, he told me he used to set a broken arm if he was doing his Saturday morning clinics. They were rudimentary. But why are they not rudimentary in a hospital like Peel? This is not a criticism of the Peel Health Campus, by the way, because I am very happy and pleased with the way that Ramsay Health Care has been operating that facility since the contract changed. Ramsay has demonstrated its capacity to deliver quality. I am not blaming Ramsay, but it is an example of a service that is expected and should be delivered locally, and is not.

The reality is that even through the government’s “Better Choices. Better Lives. Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015–2025” something like the provision of mental health beds at the Peel Health Campus for local people in the Peel will not happen under this government’s plan. I do not think that that is right. That is just one example of why under the auspices of the Health Services Bill 2016, we must get our heads around the delivery of services into the Peel. What will be delivered, what can be delivered and what should be delivered, and when is that likely to happen must be considered, because the approach is very piecemeal at the moment. This is despite some tremendous work done by health providers, GPs, and those in the nursing and allied health services; these are very good and dedicated people. The fact is there may be a clinical services plan, but there is not an overall plan for health delivery into the future. I understand as much as anybody the cost issue. I understand the state’s health budget continues to grow rapidly, and there is an issue of how to ensure that a quality service is delivered at an efficient rate for the taxpayer. The growing population of the Peel should certainly not miss out and have their service delivery jettisoned mainly to the hierarchical systems further to the north. That is why another look at the Peel region is needed regarding what role it will play into the future, because, as I am sure the Premier would have had put to him when cabinet recently visited the region, there is a very strong will and sense by the five local government authorities that the Peel region must maintain regional identity. This is based upon reflecting and understanding that there is a proximity to Perth, but using that proximity to Perth as an opportunity rather than a dependency. That is something that government and political parties need to get their heads around.

We will continue to deliver to the state a place to live in Mandurah and the wider Peel region for a greater number of seniors, for example, than found in any other place in the state. As members would know, 25 per cent of the population of Mandurah is aged over 65 years, and so the associated health needs and future health needs as someone ages will be a key consideration with health provision into the future. A large proportion of not only the current but also the projected population for Peel continues to be aged 65 and older but at the other end of the demographic bell curve is the zero to 15-year age bracket in which we have a disproportionate number of younger people in comparison. Our population flattens or dips in that 25 to 45-year age group as people in that demographic leave the region and do not figure as highly as those other two bumps in the bell curve.

This bill puts a range of frameworks in place. I do not want to rake over old ground but the problem with our major hospital in the region relates to some of the residual issues associated with the former contractor. I do not want to rake over those issues but I think the relationship and understanding of the minister’s department of the current and future delivery of services through the Peel Health Campus should be focused on. I think we need to acknowledge the good progress made by Ramsay Health Care when it took over from the former contractor. We need to continue to push for the provision of the services that are required. What services does Peel Health Campus require in the future? We know that Peel Health Campus needs to increase its number of beds. The

hospital is quite often full when people present at the emergency department. Finding a bed can sometimes be difficult. We know that the ED is not able to cope with the number of presentations that occur there. When we were in government we doubled the number of beds in the emergency department at Peel Health Campus but we have outgrown that very quickly. We also expanded dialysis and oncology services. I am sure members would be aware that there is nothing like being able to have chemotherapy or dialysis sessions delivered locally. As I mentioned earlier, what we consider to be rudimentary and some would say are basic services, such as fractures, should be able to be treated locally, along with ongoing treatment. I think that is a reasonable expectation for people.

One of the effects of somebody breaking their arm or fracturing a limb, for example, is the economic cost to their household when they have to attend follow-up appointments. People have to understand this. If someone based in Mandurah, Pinjarra, Yunderup or Dawesville is required to either go to the fracture clinic in Rockingham for a follow-up appointment or to Perth, that takes at least half a day and sometimes a full day. That is a major imposition for a working person, both economically and logistically, especially if they need someone to take them to the appointment. If someone is older and too sick to use public transport and they cannot get on the health buses that leave Mandurah daily for people seeking cancer treatment or heart specialist attention et cetera, it is not as simple as being told to get on the train. That is what a lot of people have been told. The patient assisted travel scheme is no longer available to most people in Mandurah, Yunderup and the Peel region. It is available to people living in Pinjarra or south of the Dawesville Channel. These are important health services that are delivered to local communities. I appreciate the Acting Speaker (Ms J.M. Freeman) gesticulating to ensure that I speak to the bill. I hope that I have been but she is gesticulating and indicating that perhaps that is not the case.

I will conclude my contribution by asking that as this bill passes and becomes law, as ministerial bodies are established, as there are clearly defined roles for the CEO and as entities are created that will be tasked with overseeing how we provide for services now and into the future, they will not just look at Peel, as many people in this place do, as being just a tacked-on part of the metropolitan area. The fact is that it is not. Therefore, it needs to be looked at as having special circumstances. I ask that the Peel region be considered and given the special status that it deserves in terms of demographics, future growth, logistical issues for access to health services in the future and the fact that the population of the region will be as big as the south west, as projected. The south west and Peel regions will have a population of up to 200 000-odd within a very few short years and we need to plan properly for that in health services.

**MR P.B. WATSON (Albany)** [5.37 pm]: I would like to fully support the Health Services Bill 2016. I congratulate the health services that we have in our region. We have a great hospital at the moment. We have tremendous people working there, including doctors. Right throughout our region, we are very lucky in Albany to have the services that are provided. Things can change pretty quickly in a regional town such as Albany. If I can have the house's indulgence, I would like to read a letter from a Perth surgeon who has been coming down to Albany for a long time. It states —

I am writing to advise you of the impact that the new Airline carrier to Albany is having on the continued provision of medical services to the Great Southern Region.

Previous to the change in carrier, I would visit Albany for a full-day once a month and two days every second month, providing consultation and clinical review for all patients in the Great Southern Region. Due to the lack of a vascular ultrasound service in Albany, over the last 4 years I sent my own specialist vascular sonographers and ultrasound machine on a fortnightly basis to provide local patients with reliable, non-invasive imaging (avoiding the need for excess radiation and IV contrast and greatly reduce the need for patients to repeatedly travel to Perth) to enable diagnosis and ongoing management of vascular disorders.

The change in flight times since Rex became the sole carrier to Albany resulted in it no longer being feasible for either myself or my sonographers to travel to Albany in the morning and return the same day. The earliest flight from Perth results in the loss of three hours of a possible eight hours of clinic time in Albany. At considerable extra cost financially and personally, my Vascular Sonographers and I now have no option but to stay in Albany for two consecutive nights in order to maintain the same level of service provision required in the Great Southern Region. This is particularly difficult given that we all have young families in Perth.

To add insult to injury, Rex has now advised us that they will not guarantee transport of our portable ultrasound machine with us when we fly due to its weight (approximately 20kg and fits in a medium sized suitcase). Rex does not allow purchase of an extra baggage allowance at the time of the booking and extra baggage is subject to a "first come first served" basis at the time of check-in at the airport, without any guarantee that once it has been accepted, it will actually travel on the plane! I understand that for air travel safety reasons the plane can only carry a certain weight, however the transport of this ultrasound machine was always appropriately prioritised by Skywest and Virgin.

As you can appreciate, we cannot provide a vascular service without the medical equipment required to do so. It is not feasible for us to operate with the risk that our clinics in Albany have to be cancelled at the last minute as a result of equipment not able to be transported; for us to fly to Albany only to find that the ultrasound machine has been held in Perth; or have this expensive medical equipment remain in Albany upon departure.

As the major hub for the Great Southern Region, can Albany really entertain this risk to its Perth-based primary healthcare providers? I am sure that our vascular service is not the only one impacted upon.

The point about this is that it is not only about the people in Albany. This is one of three letters that I have received. I have spoken to the minister. Regional Express Holdings Ltd asked the Albany community which way it wanted to go and the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that it wanted to get its businesspeople to Perth, but when an essential service such as this is affected, there must be a rethink. We must have these specialists because Albany is an ageing community. We need a proper service for not only aged people, but also the school kids who have to go to Perth for essential services. Surgeons are businesspeople; they do not just do it. Obviously, they care and they want to do it for the community, but they have to run a business. Three people now have to stay in Albany for two nights whereas previously they did not have to stay at all. It is championed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry that three people stay overnight, but that is three people. With the previous service, a lot of people would come down on the morning flight at 6.15 am and I would be sitting next to them and they would ask me about a good place to have breakfast in Albany and we would talk about where they could go. It will be very hard to work out, but we have to look at it.

Another issue that affects people in the regions is the patient assisted travel scheme. I think PATS is a tremendous service, but I know of some instances in which seniors have been halfway to Perth—probably between Kojonup and Williams—and the receptionist at the surgeon's office has rung and said that they cannot fit them in today and has asked whether they could come in the next day. Those seniors have said, "Hold on a minute; I got up at four o'clock this morning and I'm halfway to Perth." The people in the surgeon's office do not realise that Albany is 450 kilometres away. I am talking about PATS and services for people in the regions, Madam Acting Speaker. This relates to health services in the regions. I am narrowing it down. I thought very hard about the bill and I looked at all the speeches and this is what I have got out of it. It is an issue. I have sent a letter to the surgeon of every person who has come to me to tell them that Albany is four and a half hours away and they cannot just ask these patients to come back the next day, so surely they could get a patient in the city to change their appointment, but it does not have any effect.

Albany Hospital is tremendous but parking is still an issue. People continually park in the driveways of the people in my electorate who live very close to the hospital. I know that there are plans to put in a new parking area at the back of the hospital, but at the moment, it is very hard to get a parking space. As I say, I cannot say enough about the people there. I had to go to the hospital emergency service at half past two the other morning and the service that my family and I got was tremendous. I have nothing but praise for the service at Albany Hospital.

Another issue that affects our region is the ambulance service. We are losing people. I have been to Wellstead, Jerramungup and a lot of other little towns and not enough young people are getting involved. I was told that the other day in Jerramungup, people had to go to the footy club and grab some guys to drive the ambulance. There are so many different things people have to do to drive an ambulance; there is so much red tape. It is an issue in our region. I went to a road safety forum in Albany a couple of weeks ago and I found out that the total number of deaths in the Albany police district last year was 15 but there have been more than 21 this year and it is only May. We are losing people on a regular basis. Ambulances in those in-between towns are important. A person's life can be saved if they get to hospital quickly, but people in the regions have to hunt around for someone to drive the ambulance. We had a tragic accident at Jerramungup involving a young boy who was driving and those people were all over the road, but there was only one ambulance there and people had to go into town to get another ambulance. It is something that we have to look at in regional areas. I do not know how we are going to prevent people from running off the road, not paying attention or not wearing a seatbelt. It is a health issue because it puts a lot of pressure on our health system.

I note that in the federal budget, the Albany region will get \$156 million less over 10 years. That is \$15.6 million less a year from the federal government, which is very disturbing. We want people to stay in regional areas, but we have to provide services for them. I know that royalties for regions has done a great job in that area, but I think that more can be done.

Mental health beds are an issue. It is the elephant in the room. I was at the police station the other day and I know that the police spend a lot of time taking mental health patients to hospital. The police do not have the facilities to look after those people, so the police have to stay at the hospital until those people settle down.

All in all, I think it is a good bill. I think the minister has done a great job with his first health bill. As the member for Mandurah said, we have to look at regional areas a little differently. There are different issues.

Regional areas have issues that the metropolitan area does not have. The member for Mandurah said that the people in Mandurah travel to Perth on a bus. People from Albany can drive for four and a half or five hours or they can take the bus, which is about a six or seven-hour trip, or they can fly to Perth. Some of our oldies do not want to fly, so they go on the bus, but it is a very long trip for them. Most of them have suggested to me that we should have a train service to Perth, as we used to. They used to get on the train in Albany and travel overnight to Perth, go to the doctor and then hop on the train and go back to Albany again.

The health industry in Albany is going very strongly. We have some great surgeons at our hospital, so a lot of people do not have to go to Perth, but a lot of people still have to do that. One of the major issues is that young children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and young people with other issues are slipping through the cracks. There is a waitlist time of 18 months to see the specialist when they come to Albany.

Unless people have a bit of money and can afford to go to Perth or have time off to go to Perth, it is a big problem. Sometimes kids in the lower socioeconomic areas such as Spencer Park undergo speech therapy and are examined for ADHD. They get missed and the parents cannot do anything about it so other issues arise as they go through life.

Things are going really well in Albany and I fully support the Health Services Bill.

**MR D.J. KELLY (Bassendean)** [5.49 pm]: I rise to make a contribution to the third reading of this Health Services Bill. On reading through this new bill I saw how it will provide some new structures around how the government manages the public health system. However, a basic point is almost completely ignored in the way the bill is structured and in the minister's second reading speech; that is, there is an assumption that we have almost a unitary system in which virtually all services are provided by the public sector. The minister and the chief executive officer of the health department have the role of sitting over the top, managing the system and making sure outcomes are in the best interests of the patients, the public purse and the like. However, it is not until we drill down into the terms of the bill that we realise that the bill tries to deal also with the other thing that is happening here in Western Australia; that is, that this and successive conservative governments are fragmenting the public health system. They are privatising health providers, whether it be at Peel Health Campus, Joondalup Health Campus, the Serco contract or the new hospital at Midland. This government is fragmenting the public health system. We have to dig down into the bill to the definition of a health service provider and a public health service provider at page 5 of the bill and public health service at page 7. They include private entities that are contracted to the government to provide health services.

At the first look, the bill reads as though its objective is to accommodate a minister with the health department managing our system. But we have to dig down to see how it relates to all the private entities that are now running such big chunks of our health system. It is a pity the new minister was not in some of the Legislation Committee sessions. We had some very interesting discussions with the previous health minister about how this bill will operate in relation to the private entities that in increasing numbers are being contracted to the government to provide health services. I refer to one area on which we had some discussion. Clause 26 of the bill is headed "Department CEO may issue policy frameworks" and subclause (2) reads, in part —

The Department CEO may issue policy frameworks to ensure consistent approaches to the following —

It lists in subparagraphs from (a) to (l) a range of matters that this bill envisages the department CEO can issue policy frameworks for to ensure there are consistent approaches. They range from financial matters, to employment matters, to service delivery and to health services. One of the questions I asked during deliberations of this bill was: if this bill covers a private provider such as St John Ambulance WA, which runs the ambulance service and which is contracted to the government to provide a health service, will all these policy frameworks this bill envisages the department CEO may issue apply to St John Ambulance? I have to say there were some quizzical looks around the table from the minister and his advisers when that question was asked. After a bit of consideration—I do not want to misquote people—the tenor of the response I got was that they would apply only subject to the terms of the contract with the private provider. If the contract is written in a way that policy frameworks, as amended or issued from time to time, apply to the private provider, they will apply. But if the contract does not require the provider to abide by those policy frameworks, they will not apply. The government could say that that is all right because it will write contracts to make sure these sorts of things are envisaged and accommodated. The trouble with that is that, as we all know, this government and successive conservative governments are in the habit of entering into these health contracts for inordinate periods. I think the contract with Serco was for an initial period of 10 years, with a 10-year extension. I think when the contract at Joondalup was signed, it was for 20 years. As a government, we enter into these contracts, effectively, for decades. In 2016 we are stuck with contracts that were written a decade ago. Every time we enter into these contracts, we say that the contracts are brilliant; they are modern and flexible, but we all know that often with the passage of time, they become quite inadequate.

A couple of years ago the provider at Peel Health Campus agreed to relinquish its contract and Ramsay Health Care came in as the new provider. There were lots of problems at Peel Health Campus under the original



provider. When the government privatised that hospital originally, we were given assurances about the standard of the contract, but roll forward to 2012 or 2013, whenever Ramsay took over, and we were told there were lots of problems and the previous minister said he was mightily unhappy with the original provider, but that the new contract with Ramsay has been remedied and improved and all that sort of stuff. Having been told that when Peel was originally privatised the contract was the bee's knees, in the passage of time we realised that it was completely inadequate. On entering into a new contract with Ramsay Health, we are stuck with the contract for decades.

On reading clause 26 of this bill I thought: yes that is great, the government, through the department's CEO, will issue policy frameworks to ensure consistent outcomes across the whole health system. But we know that unless the contracts with those private providers are written in such a way that they are required to abide by them, they absolutely do not abide by them. Those private providers resist being bound by policies from the health department that change from time to time. When private providers sign up, they sign up for a price and they want to know what are the parameters around that price.

*Sitting suspended from 6.00 to 7.00 pm*

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** Before the dinner break I was talking about the complications that will arise in applying some of the provisions of the Health Services Bill to the ever-increasing number of private providers that the government is contracting to provide health services. I had drawn the attention of the house to the policy frameworks that the bill envisages the department chief executive officer will be able to issue to ensure consistent approaches on a whole range of issues, from IT to financial management and the like. But it is not just the policy frameworks that the privatisation of services will lead to complications on. We can look, for example, at clause 28 of the bill, which very sensibly gives the department CEO the power to issue directions; again, on a range of issues. My understanding is that they will apply to private providers only if the contracts that they have written with the government allow for that. So instead of the department CEO being able to issue directions on a number of things to public sector health providers and those providers having to jump and to jump how high to do whatever is required under those directives, that will not apply to those private providers—the contract will place a barrier between the department CEO and whatever directive the CEO wishes to direct. It creates a level of complexity that does not need to be there. When the government does cost-benefit analyses of things such as this, to the extent that it actually does do them before it enters into these long-term contracts with private providers, I have never truly seen these sorts of complications taken into account.

Clause 175 under part 13 of the bill again quite sensibly gives the department CEO extensive powers of investigation, inspection and audit in respect of health service providers, and for good reason. If something is not occurring as it should in a service that is providing health services in Western Australia and is the responsibility of the Western Australian government, the department CEO should have the power to go in and find out what is going on because public money is being spent. We all know that if the service has been privatised, the ability of the state to carry out those inspection, investigation and audit functions is restricted by whatever is in the contract. I mentioned Peel Health Campus before. There were serious issues at Peel Health Campus. I know that the government potentially dodged a bullet in respect of that scenario because one of the whistleblowers down there turned out not to be all that she said she was. Putting that issue aside, there were serious issues with the private contractor that ran Peel Health Campus for 15 years. The minister himself said at the time that he was not happy with that provider. The minister has very sensibly given himself some powers under this bill. All I am doing is ringing an alarm bell, because I know that when these contracts are entered into—contracts that the other side of politics is very fond of—they often come back to bite the government because it is inhibited by the terms of that contract when it wants to get to the bottom of something that has gone wrong. A company like Serco is an expert at putting up the shutters when something goes wrong. When something goes wrong at Fiona Stanley Hospital, Serco essentially goes to ground; we cannot get any information from Serco into the public domain on the issue. It is left to the government of the day—usually the minister or the Premier—to carry the can publicly for what has gone on. Under this bill, the minister is sensibly giving himself extensive powers to investigate health service providers when things go wrong, but so often we see that the state's ability to get the outcome that it wants is inhibited by the contract that it has signed.

Of course, the other issue that often comes into play here is that when conservative governments have entered into these contracts, they often do not want to know what has really gone on. Because it is a contested area of public policy, the government does not want to admit that one of the private providers it has contracted has actually not achieved the optimum outcome. I am sure that if it were to admit that Serco, Health Solutions (WA) or whoever else has not been up to standard, it would see that as a loss for the government and a win for the opposition. I know that is how the minister feels; I can see it in his eyes.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** No; what I am thinking is that Labor governments have also entered into these arrangements in their more rational moments at times.

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** In more rational moments; that is interesting. I put to the minister that if he were to ask the public of Western Australia whether it was rational for the state government to enter into a contract with Serco to

provide services at Fiona Stanley Hospital that the vast majority of Western Australians would say that it was an irrational decision. The other contract that the public of Western Australia would say was an irrational decision by the minister's government is the contract at Midland hospital, where it entered into a contract with a private provider to run a public hospital and allowed it an exemption so that it does not have to provide services that are contrary to the provider's religious beliefs. The overwhelming majority of Western Australians think that is a bad decision. I know that because most of the people on the other side of the chamber agree. The Premier said he was not happy about it. He said he was not aware that that had happened, but I find that hard to believe. That contract came to cabinet. That was a completely irrational thing to do. The Minister for Health knows why it was done, and he can tell me if I am wrong. The government has an ideological commitment to privatising hospitals so it thought: here is a new hospital; let us see if we can privatise it. When it was put out to tender there were only two credible tenderers: Ramsay Health Care and St John of God Health Care. The contract could not be given to Ramsay because it already had Joondalup Health Campus. Peel Health Campus was on the skids, so the government had in mind that Ramsay could take over Peel. If Ramsay was to run Joondalup and Peel—it runs Hollywood Private Hospital and a number of other private hospitals—the contract for Midland Public Hospital could not be given to Ramsay because, effectively, one private provider would be running all those public hospitals. The then minister did not want to create a private monopoly because if he had done that he would have created a world of pain. Some bright spark—the then minister—thought: we can give it to St John of God, and we will just deal with that other issue some other way. At the same time the minister was getting a lot of stick over the Fiona Stanley–Serco debacle, so he thought: St John of God has a good public image, is a not-for-profit and will be much more palatable to people.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** And it actually made a bid that involves quite a saving to taxpayers for the same outcome—for a high-quality outcome. You may not be concerned about the cost of the health system to the overall state budget, but I can assure you that your shadow Treasurer, the member for Victoria Park, is.

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** I would love the minister to open up the books on the bid and what it entailed. I have heard a couple of funny things about the cost-benefit analysis that was done. One of the things that was not done at Midland was St John of God being asked to kick in any capital for that project; whereas some private provider—for example, Ramsay—would have been more than happy to kick in capital, saving some money for the state. But capital was not made part of the deal, because if that had been done St John of God would not have been able to bid because it does not have the ability to raise the capital that Ramsay does. The government forwent a capital injection because it always wanted it to be St John of God.

The other thing is that I do not believe the government's figures compare apples with apples. The government is now saving money at Midland because procedures are being done there on people who would otherwise have come to Royal Perth Hospital. It is much, much cheaper to have procedures done at Midland instead of coming into Royal Perth. I suspect the government is comparing the cost of those procedures being done at Midland with what it used to cost to have them done at Royal Perth, and that is part of the savings.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** I am sure —

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** Minister, I have limited time and I have a couple of other issues. Maybe the minister could respond to that later.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** You are wrong on a couple of assumptions, but certainly using secondary hospitals for treatment that can be done at secondary hospitals is a better thing. It was also supported by the Labor government.

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** Yes, we support that. But that would have been a secondary hospital if it had been run by the public sector or private sector. That is my point.

I know the minister is either renegotiating or must be coming to a point of having to renegotiate with Ramsay over Peel. Given that we are in the process of debating the Health Services Bill 2016 and the terms of the new contract are being negotiated, I hope the minister is considering taking it back in-house. I hope it will at least go out to public tender. What happens during those contract negotiations will have a bearing on how this bill will be applied. I would like the minister to address in his third reading reply where he is up to with the negotiations at Peel in respect of that Ramsay contract. What is the minister going to do? Is he going to do a behind-the-doors deal with Ramsay and not put it out to tender? Is he going to recall public tenders? Is he going to seriously consider taking it back in-house, which is what I reckon should be done? Is the minister going to consider all those options or is he in the process of nutting out some sweetheart deal with Ramsay? Maybe the minister can tell us that when he responds.

The issues I have raised have financial and accountability outcomes, but they really impact upon service delivery. I raised this with the previous minister, and I will raise it with the current minister. At Midland, St John of God will not provide contraceptive advice or terminations or vasectomies—all those services—and if people want to access those services they have to go elsewhere; some of them to the clinic down the road. That is, in my view and that of most people I have spoken to, a poorer outcome for the people of Midland. The

example raised with me is that of a young woman presenting at the emergency department at the new Midland hospital and discovering, after examination, that she is having a miscarriage. The woman did not even know she was pregnant. After being told what is happening—that she is pregnant and having a miscarriage—the young woman says, “Look, what do I need to do to stop this happening again?” But because the provider there will not give contraceptive advice, it will basically say, “Look, if you want those sorts of services we cannot provide them; go to your GP or go down the road.” If that young woman, because her life may be chaotic—she has lots of other things going on—does not go to her GP, in 12 months’ time she may be pregnant again. She is back in the same situation. Apart from what that would cost the health system, what about that young woman’s life? Most people would say—having presented in a public hospital in the circumstance of being pregnant and not knowing it, having a miscarriage and seeking advice about contraception—there should be a seamless provision of health care for that woman. That would have given her the best chance of taking control of her life and not having another unwanted pregnancy. The system the government put in place—“We are not going to give you that advice; you have to go somewhere else”—provides a poor health outcome. The minister can respond to that in his third reading reply. I raised it with the previous minister and I just got, “Oh well, we think we’ve done a good job.” That is the scenario I have never had a good explanation for as to why that is acceptable from the minister’s side of the chamber.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** Are you saying that was an actual example of a woman who was not given contraceptive advice?

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** No. St John of God Health Care has made it clear: it is called “restricted services” in the contract. It will not give contraceptive advice, it will not do terminations and it will not do vasectomies; there are probably a few others I cannot think of. Look at the contract: they are the restricted services. It is the organisation’s religious belief, and I respect that. It has very strong views about those issues. The government’s original answer to that issue was that it was going to build a clinic at the end of the car park to provide those services. It never happened, partly because St John of God said if the government was going to build that clinic down the end of the car park, it wanted a hard fence between the two. Its entrances could not be used, its car parks could not be used and anything of that nature could not be done because that would be St John of God facilitating those services. It said, “Build it down there if you like, but we want a hard, continuous fence.” My understanding is that that is one of the reasons it became impractical to provide those services at a separate clinic at the end of the car park. That is why the government had to go to plan B.

I wanted to deal with some other issues, but I am out of time. I am really interested in hearing the minister’s third reading response because these are very serious issues.

**MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle)** [7.20 pm]: I am very happy to make a contribution to the Health Services Bill 2016. My contribution to the third reading debate will continue along the same theme and with the same sentiments that were raised by other members on this side of the house; that is, we welcome and applaud the parts of this bill that enable the modernisation, if you like, of the management structures of the Department of Health and the reconfiguration of its management of the public health system under what is a significant rewrite of the act. The bill enables a very sensible devolution of what is a huge budget, which I understand is over \$8 billion a year. The government’s credibility in trying to modernise the overall structures and management of the health portfolio in this state is lacking when we consider the way it has performed since it took office in 2008, in particular the transitioning to and commissioning of Fiona Stanley Hospital, and how it has implemented budget cuts to the health portfolio and the impacts of those cuts. As the member for Fremantle, I am particularly aware of the impacts of transitioning services to Fiona Stanley Hospital in the south metropolitan region. We have seen a significant number of services transition from Fremantle Hospital to Fiona Stanley Hospital. I said before that the community I represent did not object to services moving from Fremantle Hospital to Fiona Stanley Hospital, but they did object to the cuts that were made in that transition. They were given assurances that cuts would not be made to a number of services that had been offered at Fremantle Hospital, but there were, in fact, cuts to key personnel, particularly people in whom they put a lot of faith who were not transferred to Fiona Stanley. It is my firm belief that during the transition from Fremantle Hospital to Fiona Stanley Hospital, the state government took the opportunity to make cuts to the pain management unit, the renal unit and the inflammatory bowel disease unit and, as a result, I am in no doubt that patients are worse off. The worst example of that was in the inflammatory bowel disease unit. As the transition was occurring, the shadow health minister, the member for Kwinana, and I met with patients of that unit who were very concerned at the number of long-term specialist staff who were not transitioning to Fiona Stanley Hospital. They were also concerned at the winding back of a telephone service that they said had saved them a lot of travel time and inconvenience. They believed this was a much more efficient way of handling queries than having to front up to the hospital and be seen in person. The worst thing that happened was that a patient, Jared Olsen, died because there was poor record keeping as a result of that transfer and he was given medication that was inappropriate. Those sorts of stories from patients were ringing alarm bells. They were here at Parliament House, and opposition members were asking questions on their behalf and taking up their case in the local media and sometimes in the statewide media, saying that these people knew how their health was being

managed in the public system and that they were concerned about the transition that was happening. But changes went ahead anyway. Some of these patients were inconvenienced and some were worse off to a greater degree, which was a terrible outcome for them. As I said, the government lacks credibility in managing the health portfolio and in the overall management of a modern public health system in general in this state.

We have seen a huge change at Fremantle Hospital. Initially we were told that 1 900 or thereabout jobs would go from Fremantle Hospital when Fiona Stanley Hospital was commissioned, but since then another 70 jobs have gone from Fremantle Hospital, as well as a radical change in the management structure at Fremantle Hospital. That is the sort of chaos we have seen in the commissioning of Fiona Stanley Hospital, not only because of the Serco contract, when Serco was getting paid and costing the taxpayer millions of dollars before there were even patients in that hospital, but also because when the patients did hit the hospital, we saw ongoing chaos. The decision in February this year to take out a whole slice of management from Fremantle Hospital and for Fremantle to be managed remotely from Fiona Stanley shows that the dysfunction in this portfolio makes the general population very concerned.

I know that a lot of good stories come out of our health system, and I do not take that away from either our system or, in particular, the people who work within our system and do an incredible job. But when we hear, just under 12 months after commissioning Fiona Stanley Hospital, that a whole slice of management, comprising five senior positions at Fremantle—the director of nursing, the director of clinical services, the director of safety and quality, the director of operations and finance and the chief executive—are being taken out of Fremantle Hospital, I have to wonder about that transitioning and how the system is being run. It is always a challenge to find exactly what is being done at Fremantle Hospital, and it will be interesting to see what comes out of the state budget this week. Originally when the transition to Fiona Stanley Hospital was taking place, \$13.2 million was allocated for the reconfiguration of Fremantle Hospital so that good use could be made of the health capital at Fremantle, which is a significant regional centre. It is a population centre, an entertainment centre and a working port. It is a key centre and, most importantly, the capital there should be properly utilised. Originally, \$13.2 million was allocated to the reconfiguration, but last year we saw that amount go down to \$11.5 million, so just under \$2 million was taken away from that reconfiguration budget. Worryingly, \$19.4 million of that is in the forward estimates—in the outer years. I have asked questions on notice about the plans for that reconfiguration budget, declining though it is, and the last answer that came back was that there were no specific plans for that reconfiguration, so it will be interesting to see whether that money stays within the budget that is due to be handed down this year. That sort of uncertainty about not only how Fremantle Hospital will be utilised, but how it will be managed, has a huge impact on the staff of that hospital. We all rely on the skilled and dedicated staff at that hospital to stay the distance and continue to commit to that facility. However, that uncertainty makes it very difficult for those staff.

The previous Minister for Health made much of the national statistics that show that Western Australia is incurring above-average costs in running the public hospital system, and therefore cuts are justified and hospitals have to find those cuts. The minister omitted to say that he has presided over that situation since 2008. This government is now in the final year of its second term. There are not many places in which the government can hide when it comes to who is responsible for those cost blowouts. The challenge for the government is to properly contain costs within this incredibly complex portfolio and not compromise patient care in the process. Too many stories have come out of the health system that show that this government has not succeeded in doing that in any way. I have already referred in this house to the terrible example of Jared Olsen. I have also referred to Sharon Heeley and her husband, Mark, who are constituents of mine. Sharon has multiple sclerosis. She went to Fiona Stanley Hospital because she had a compacted bowel. She was given laxatives and a bedpan, and she was then essentially left in a bed on her own. She was unable to move without the use of a hoist. Only one staff member on any of the shifts knew how to work the overhead hoist. After she used the bedpan, she asked for further help, but she was left on her own. Her husband came in and found her lying in a soiled bed, crying, and asking to be taken home. Mark worked out in a matter of minutes how to use the overhead hoist, showered his wife himself, as he had done since she had been in hospital because there were never any staff to conduct that sort of basic care, and took her home. That was an incredible situation. I hope it is not a common situation, but it is completely unacceptable nevertheless.

Another incident that has also been given some publicity is the case of Tricia Ray. In the final stages of her pregnancy, Tricia had moved house from Coolbellup to Kalamunda, and as a consequence her care was transferred from Fiona Stanley Hospital to St John of God Midland Public Hospital. She was assured by Fiona Stanley Hospital that she would be contacted by Midland hospital to arrange for the final appointment that she needed. She went to Midland hospital in the final week of her pregnancy and asked for an appointment. However, she said that she felt that the medical staff had a patronising and dismissive attitude, and she was told to come back on 3 March. Her baby was due on 29 February. She said to the staff that her baby was due and she needed to see someone, and she persisted to such an extent that she was seen and attention was given to her. However, she ended up having a stillbirth. She is firmly of the view that that might have been prevented had the transfer of her care between Fiona Stanley and Midland hospital been managed better.

These are the human stories. I am sure the government does not take these things lightly. I am sure that the current minister and the previous minister do not like to hear these sorts of stories. However, that is the effect of the budget cuts by this government, the lack of attention and certainty given to staff, and the lack of detail that is required for proper management of the health portfolio.

[Quorum formed.]

**Ms S.F. McGURK:** I have been concentrating on the fact that this government has presided over fundamental changes to the South Metropolitan Health Service with the commissioning of Fiona Stanley Hospital. Of course we welcome that build and the capital investment in that hospital. The services that are provided by the staff at that hospital are incredible. However, there have been too many mistakes in the commissioning of that hospital for people to have confidence in this government. The third reading of the Health Services Bill provides an opportunity to make some comments about that. I note that the previous Minister for Health, the member for Dawesville, said in his second reading speech on this bill —

The new legislation will clarify the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities at each level of the system, and by devolving decision-making to the local level, the legislation will drive the continued delivery of high-quality health care. It will modernise the governance and delivery of the health system in WA, with the model being based on the successful elements of the Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland systems.

That all sounds fantastic. However, hundreds of jobs have been cut from the health system, and political decisions have been made that have undermined the allocation of resources. The obvious one was the promise by this government to keep open Royal Perth Hospital, on the proviso that money would be allocated to refurbish that hospital. We know that that money has never been spent. Similarly, the government has always been vague about what services will stay at Fremantle Hospital and how that health capital will be utilised properly.

Part 19 of the Health Services Bill deals with transitional and savings matters. It provides for the hospital boards in the metropolitan health services of Western Australia and in country health services to be abolished. It also provides that the board of the Perth Quadriplegic Centre will continue to exist and has been established as a health service provider under this bill. It is cold comfort, if members excuse the pun, for patients in a quadriplegic centre to have a local board managing them. It is cold comfort when we read in today's *The West Australian* a story, which was uncovered by 6PR, about patients who were given cold showers because the government had not properly managed even the most basic maintenance at that hospital, let alone the centre's redevelopment, which had been recommended for some time, including by, I think, Professor Stokes. The way the government has handled the quadriplegic unit is again a very stark example of where it can put in place all kinds of changes and modernise the structure of overall management, but if the government does not provide the resources and does not keep its eye on what is happening at a local level and ensure that the accountability it expects from providers and individual services also applies to the government, then we are going to continue to see bad news stories coming out of our health service.

As I said, I will be looking closely to see what happens in this budget to health services, particularly those at Fremantle Hospital, and whether the reconfiguration budget remains—that is, about \$9.5 billion. We will also be making sure that health services do not continue to take cuts when the government has elected to spend its money on vanity projects such as those in the CBD and the like.

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [7.42 pm]: I rise to make a third reading contribution to the Health Services Bill 2016. I begin by expressing my budgetary concerns, noting that with the passage of this bill we will be bringing in place several boards that will administer hospitals across the state. Those boards by necessity will have a bureaucrat structure. They are boards that have a high degree of responsibility. They are responsible for administering billion-dollar assets—very, very expensive pieces of our health services' infrastructure. Reasonably, those people whom we would expect to see on a health or hospital board should be well qualified and well experienced in the area and in a position to dedicate the amount of time and effort needed to put into the preparation and the necessary ongoing contribution between meetings when they have such a responsibility. It is a great responsibility to be on a hospital board, and one that warrants a degree of remuneration. We cannot expect people on boards such as these to provide their contributions without any form of remuneration. We acknowledge that they are bringing to these boards their expertise and they are contributing their time and are making a contribution and effort to be as effective as possible to ensure that the hospital is run as well as possible. However, I am concerned about the timeliness of bringing into effect these hospital boards. It is going to be a big impost on the state budget. In total numbers, we are talking about around \$500 000 to cover the payment to all of the various people across the network of boards. The legislation before us remains silent on how much a board member will be paid. However, clause 75, "Remuneration and allowances", states —

A member of a board is entitled to be paid any remuneration and allowances that the Minister may determine on the recommendation of the Public Sector Commissioner.

That is very open-ended. It all depends on what the Public Sector Commissioner determines will be the appropriate remuneration rate.

Over the weekend I noticed an advertisement in *The West Australian* for positions on what was once the Healthway board. Again, we know that the Public Sector Commissioner has been in discussion with the Minister for Health and the Department of Health about what will be the appropriate remuneration levels for those people who become either the chair of that once Healthway board or officeholders in some other way. What is apparent though is that previously the chair of the Healthway board was paid a fairly meagre sum and some very committed individuals were paid very little indeed. What is obvious now, however, is that with this relationship among the Public Sector Commissioner, the Minister for Health and the Department of Health we, as taxpayers, will be forking out much more to cover the cost of that new Healthway board. Of course, in the case of Healthway, that will come out of the Healthway budget. All the money that previously was going toward all kinds of good works around preventive health, all those good messages, will be diminished so that we can pay for board members. That will be the same with the hospitals, I fear. We are setting aside out of the Health budget just over \$8 billion—I think it equates to about 30 per cent of the total state budget. It is a little vague, but probably the best estimates are that half a million dollars will be set aside to pay for people to be on the various boards. I am concerned about the nature of these boards and the extra cost to the state budget and I question the timeliness of the creation of additional board places and, indeed, the composition of the board.

When the legislation before us talks about the sorts of people who will be on the board of a hospital, it is left very open to the minister effectively to put people who are of a like mind to the minister or who are friends—those sorts of people. That is a concern, because we should be requiring people with certain qualifications, perhaps people who represent certain organisations —

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** No. It's not representing organisations in my view. But have you had a look at who has actually been appointed?

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** No, I have not.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** It's worth doing, because there's a diverse range of skills and there's been a very thorough process gone through.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I got to see who the chairs were, but I cannot recall all of them. There were a few familiar names, and I am sure they are worthy people.

**Mr P.B. Watson:** You do have form, minister, for looking after your own.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** I don't think so! You're saying that about me?

**Mr P.B. Watson:** No, no; your government—not you. No, no; every other minister apart from you, minister.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** Our general process has been to appoint people on the basis of their skills and expertise.

**Mr P.B. Watson:** The National Party aren't quite as good. They look right after their own.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** If I could interject, Madam Acting Speaker!

**Mr P.B. Watson:** I'm sorry.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** That is all right, member for Albany. I am very happy for the member to be engaged in this discussion.

The minister raises an interesting point and it is perhaps one of those areas of philosophical difference. The Liberal Party believes that people should be appointed to not only hospital boards but boards in general based on their merit and individual capacities. The Liberal Party believes that we should be moving away from the era of appointing people to boards because of their capacity to represent a particular organisation. I am not so sure about that. I think a lot of credibility comes from someone being on a board because they represent an organisation. It also means that we are certain to fill certain categories and we would not have only people who are perhaps of a like mind to the minister and very friendly with the political party in power. We remove that risk of a political decision being made about an appointment if we leave the appointments to boards and who is available, depending on who is the head of a particular organisation. It changes the dynamic a lot.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** I think the Labor Party had a pretty strong track record in appointing friendly people, from my recollection.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I thank the minister. I look at some of the legislation around and as far as I can tell it was passed during the time of previous Labor governments and I note that often it requires people representing particular organisations to be on a board. But no doubt this discussion comes up every time we debate legislation that involves a board of some kind. I note that the hospital that is closest to me, the Armadale–Kelmscott Memorial Hospital, which seems to be abbreviated to Armadale hospital these days, has a board and a community advisory council. A lot of effort is made to ensure that the council comprises people who speak English as a second language, which is a very worthy initiative. It means that our practices are, to use the jargon,

culturally appropriate and part of the way that the hospital does business. The Armadale Community Advisory Council is very helpful to the operation of the Armadale hospital.

I cannot reel off the names of the members of the board, but one experience that I had there would suggest that there is a high degree of caution about how that hospital interacts with a member of state Parliament. On one occasion an association with which I am connected, the Australian Arab Association Inc, did some brilliant work negotiating with the hospital to get some of its cast-off medical equipment that was destined for the tip; it was no longer of any value to the Armadale hospital. The Australian Arab Association was able to put in a bid to obtain the old equipment and it organised for a shipping container to be taken to the hospital. Its members presented at the hospital and with hospital orderlies and other people were able to gather all the equipment and place it in the container for it to be sent to the Middle East to provide support to medical services that are necessary for people who have escaped areas of conflict. It is a great and very worthy initiative and something that I applaud. The general role of the hospital in this was outstanding, as was the role of the community organisation involved. But it was interesting; I was invited along to help with some of the work, such as carrying out bedpans and old beds and all sorts of things and storing them in the shipping container. I did a bit of that work and there was an opportunity for some photos to be taken, but then suddenly someone from the board or somebody who was acting on instruction from the board said, “How can that be? We have Mr Tallentire here who is a member of state Parliament, the member for Gosnells, and he is on hospital property and he has not been authorised by the minister to be here. We do not know what is going on. Mr Tallentire, you better move out.” I was made to feel unwelcome and I thought that was unfortunate. It may have been a case of a junior member of staff perhaps over-interpreting the rules a bit.

Nevertheless, it suggests that the board, which is responsible for the policies of the hospital, has a culture for interaction with visiting politicians and somehow the word had got out that if a Labor member of Parliament is visiting the hospital, they have to suggest that they present to the minister before accessing the premises in any way. It is a ridiculous situation really, because I have had cause on several occasions to go to the hospital with constituents or to visit constituents or friends with some medical need to be there. I have no intention of declaring to the hospital that I am there as a member of Parliament when I am visiting people who are hospitalised there. Just to be clear about that, minister, we have to be careful that our boards do not overreact and overreach and become overcautious. They should be able to see the benefit in ensuring that a member of Parliament, albeit an opposition member, has full access to a hospital in a way that a member of the public or a member of a community organisation would have access to a hospital. There is an issue about how these boards interpret their role. We have a problem if they begin to believe that they are there as watchdogs for the minister of the day, which was my experience on that particular occasion. It was disappointing.

The previous Minister for Health was kind enough to reference me in his final question without notice to this Parliament. I say that advisedly because it was following on from some debate we had at the second reading stage of this bill. My contribution seemed to rile the minister in some way because I had mentioned that I was concerned that a board was fundamentally driven to make sure that the hospital acted efficiently, but it was probably also looking to make sure that it achieves certain key performance indicators and certain numbers of throughput and procedures. We were reaching a situation in which a board would be looking to drive a hospital in a way that means it delivers a greater quantity of services, rather than being a board involved in preventative health, which is very important to me. We should be making sure that even bodies such as hospital boards are designed to first and foremost keep people out of hospital by making sure that they stay as healthy as possible. They do not need to have the sorts of treatments and procedures that people will inevitably need if their health is not good. Our boards have a key role to play in helping maintain as strong a level of health as possible in the community through preventative health mechanisms. I put what I thought to the minister in my contribution to the second reading debate, but he did not respond to this in his reply to the second reading debate. It is unfortunate that we are having this rather truncated debate that I am continuing right now.

The minister wanted to say that he had delivered on preventative health. He tried to say that he was going to use the hospital boards to deliver on preventative health. He wanted to say that he had been involved in his time as health minister and one of his legacies was around preventative health. What shocked me most were the sums of money he cited when he responded to a question without notice from the member for Vasse. As I said, this was actually his last response to a question without notice in this Parliament. He said he had had his staff in the Department of Health check up on the legacy of his contribution towards an investment in preventative health in this state. He said the following —

I asked my staff to get the figures and, as members would expect, the figures are somewhat good, otherwise I would not be standing here talking right now!

I refer to direct expenditure on preventative health, largely through the section of the health department that deals with those things, and some is contracted out and some is done by Health itself. This does not include funding that is spent by Healthway on a large range of preventative health programs. In 2007–08, expenditure was \$304 000 and in 2014–15, it was \$505 000. That is an increase of \$200 000 and represents an annual increase of a 9.4 per cent spend each year.

When challenged on his legacy around preventative health, the Minister for Health said that in his \$8 billion health budget the sum going towards preventative health was a whopping \$505 000. I find that shameful, but the minister actually wanted to highlight that point and set up a Dorothy Dixier question from the member for Vasse to expose the fact and talk about it as if it was something of great achievement and import. I find that very disappointing, because, yes, this bill we are dealing with is about hospital boards, but it is about making sure that those magnificent hospitals we have, which do such a great job, run as well as possible—that they are efficient and provide the best possible care for people who are ill and need treatment. But those hospitals will be even better if we keep people out of them as much as possible. If we can make sure our population stays as fit and well as possible, they are not going to need to go to hospital as much as would otherwise be the case. That is what we should be striving for and that is why I believe this legislation should have been designed in some way to have something in it that refers to the hospital's community itself. Bear in mind that it is a bit like our schools; our schools are hubs of our community and in many ways our hospitals are also hubs of our community. There is a capacity in those hospitals for them to be doing some kind of outreach work—I know in the medical world the word “outreach” has its own connotations—but this is another form of outreach. They should be hubs of wisdom when it comes to healthy living. They should be providing that message and reinforcing those programs that the minister went on to speak about when he gave his response to the member for Vasse's question. He talked about things like a school breakfast program, the healthier workplaces program and the LiveLighter program. We see the LiveLighter program advertised on television, which is very good. It is a program that deserves more investment. We need to reinforce the message that if someone is in their vehicle with their family, everyone is hungry and they are arriving at a fast food outlet, they have to be mindful of what kind of food they will be buying and what impact it will have on their health. If they make a regular habit of buying fast food, they are doing themselves harm. We have to have that message firmly established in the community, and at the same time we have to let the community know that there are much better alternatives that are just as convenient. Then people can make the choice. It will be kinder on their wallets as well. They will save money, they will live better, they will feel better and they will be healthier. They will be less likely to have the problems of high cholesterol levels, cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes and the other problems that present themselves in so many ways when people are unwell. It could be the prime role of the hospital board to deliver a strong public health message at a local level. I think that would be a major achievement, a major step forward for us.

Another advantage of having this preventative health message coming from the hospital boards, through the hospitals, into our local communities would be that we would be tailoring the message to particular communities. I do not doubt for one minute that the preventative health message that needs to be presented to the people who live in the area around, let us say, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is probably a different message from the one that would be ideally presented to the people who live around Armadale–Kelmscott Memorial Hospital. There would be ways that messaging could be tailored to meet the needs of those local communities. I think it is very disappointing that this legislation has failed to contemplate that preventative health role that a hospital board can play. But we have the legislation that is before us and I guess we have to make do with it. It is perhaps up to individual board members to drive this and to detect the need to talk about it with other board members and perhaps make it their own. I look forward to seeing that. It is something I will put forward to members of the Armadale hospital board when I meet and talk to them. I think it would be of great value to our Gosnells, Kelmscott and Armadale communities if their hospital was involved in local events presenting ideas on how a healthier lifestyle message could go out. We would be talking about the hospital being involved in encouraging people to take up active lifestyles—to be more involved in regular physical exercise and in the sorts of community activities that improve people's mental health as well. There is that wonderful campaign with the words “act, belong, commit, believe”. I might be misnaming it slightly, but there is a sense of people being involved in local community groups. They are able to give back to the community through those groups and they themselves are the beneficiaries because they get that sense of belonging and purpose. I see a lot of people who unfortunately have gone the other way and have somehow become isolated. They have lost those connections with the local community and they get into a downward spiral and get those mental health problems and depression. People are fearful of the community that they live in and that is a shame. We do not want to see that; we want to reverse that. I really believe that hospital boards have a strong role to play in doing this.

I acknowledge that the mental health ward of the Armadale hospital does an amazing job. It is one of the sections of the hospital that has one of the most demanding roles. I know constituents of mine who have unfortunately been unwell and had to spend time in the mental health area at the hospital. They have been greatly thankful for the quality of health care they have received. There was one sick person there who while she was in the hospital was able to come up with a wonderful idea to improve security. This is something that a person who is a patient in the hospital was able to present to me and then we were able to talk to the minister about it and ensure that it was picked up. It was all around swipe cards for security. This lady felt somewhat uneasy that patients were able to just wander around the mental health ward, as there were no locked doors. The reason I was given was that staff needed to be given full access to the whole ward. We came up with this



idea of swipe cards that would enable staff to have full access, but not patients. There was an improvement. That is the sort of improvement that probably did not need to come to the local member of state Parliament; it is an idea that could have been presented to the hospital board —

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Members, you need to keep your conversation level down.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** Thank you, Mr Acting Speaker.

This very real issue of hospital patients being the ones who can sometimes generate the ideas to be put forward to make the hospitals even better is something that we need to look at. Where is the best place for those ideas to go? Is it best for those ideas to come through local members of state Parliament so that we then write to the respective minister and that minister can contact the hospital board, the medical superintendent or whoever is responsible for the delivery of an idea or a new practice? Is that the best way? Would it be more streamlined if the board was receptive to those ideas coming from patients? It is quite possible that that is already an option. In this particular case, for some reason the idea came through me. I think in many cases it would be preferable if the hospital board was in enough contact with hospital patients that its members would be the ones who would first hear of these ideas and be the people who would then set about implementing these sorts of improvements. I question the timing of this legislation. I see the huge impost that it brings. I seriously question why we have failed to ensure that our hospital boards are tasked with delivering a preventive health strategy that would be so usefully delivered if it was done at the regional hospital board level.

**MS J.M. FREEMAN (Mirrabooka)** [8.11 pm]: I am pleased to rise to speak on the third reading of the Health Services Bill 2016. It has been a very long, but good process that I have been involved in. The debate on this bill has been very important in going through the detail of it. Although the opposition opposes this bill at this time, it is not because of the provisions of the bill but because of the issue of putting forward a new bureaucracy at a time of cuts and wages freezes. I want to be really clear that in the course of going through this bill, the consultative process built upon the provisions of the bill. That will lead to a better bill. The opposition has been very much a part of that process. As outlined by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the member for Kwinana, this is at a time when hospitals are facing cuts, particularly staff resources. That is in fact a particular issue for my mother who is contemplating retirement. The hospital is trying to encourage her not to retire because of the impact that that will have on the hospital where she is currently employed. That is probably because she is a fantastic worker and all of those things. Although her work is valued, hospitals at the moment are asking people to extend themselves for the good of the public, to maintain a service during what is quite a harsh wage freeze. Although the government says it is not having any impact on front-line services, I do not think that is the case. People are always appreciative of hospital staff. No-one here wants to criticise staff, but staff cannot be asked to manage when there are not enough resources. I think the wage freeze is having a big impact. Although the Labor Party sees this bill as very important, the additional resources going into establishing an additional board should be put back into the public health system. Despite that, that does not diminish the importance of the bill and the work the opposition and the government has done in scrutinising the bill to ensure that it will make the best act possible.

The Health Services Bill has been in demand for some time. It replaces a very archaic piece of legislation. The health community has obviously welcomed the Health Services Bill, but not as much as the Public Health Bill. The Public Health Bill 2014 also came before this house. The 1911 act it will replace is also a particularly antiquated piece of legislation that still refers to how we rid ourselves of soil from back alleys and things like that. It really was not responsive, yet we went through a process similar to the Health Services Bill. I will talk in a moment about it going to the other chamber. Despite the fact that the opposition said the Public Health Bill is a complex piece of legislation that, if we take it to a Legislation Committee, can be given the due scrutiny that it deserves and we can pass it in a manner that does not delay it, it now languishes in the Legislative Council. I take this opportunity to ask the Minister for Health, when replying to the third reading debate, because the Public Health Bill and the Health Services Bill are part of the modernising of the health system—it is not just about bricks and mortar; it is about the provision of services —

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** I entirely agree.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** Because it is about that, can the minister give an update, in his reply to the third reading debate, about why the Public Health Bill remains languishing in the Legislative Council?

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** We actually want to get it through this year.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** The Leader of the House; Minister for Health has the skills and capacity, and the credibility and respect in this house and in the other house, to see that that other very important piece of legislation proceeds in the other house. I am extraordinarily disappointed. I have to say that the communities that I work with are devoted to pursuing and delivering public health. They are communities that need public health assistance. To see us go through a process that we had not gone through for many years to ensure that the bill proceeded, for it to languish in the other house is an indictment on us to be here tonight debating the third reading of the Health Services Bill and not to be saying, “Congratulations, you’ve actually managed something that previous governments tried and failed.” I am very disappointed. But I will let the Minister for Health respond to that during his reply to the third reading.

What was great about this particular process in the Health Services Bill was the establishment of the Legislative Assembly Legislation Committee. Members would know in this place that the big glamour moments in Parliament are question time, matters of public interest and holding the government to account, but the real work is scrutinising legislation. It ensures that legislation is responsive to the community and that in future, if there is a situation that requires someone to look at a piece of legislation to see how it should be delivered in the community, they can refer to the second reading speech, to consideration in detail and to the third reading debate for interpretations of different parts of the act. I will go into how we did that in consideration in detail. Having worked with pieces of legislation in industrial jurisdictions, particularly in workers' compensation, I know how one can get bogged down in the interpretation of one word. That can mean the difference between someone getting a weekly compensation payment and getting nothing. One or two phrases should have been clarified in the house. They were major changes. The particular ones I am thinking of were around stress claims, and that should have been clarified in the house. It was particularly important that the establishment of a Legislation Committee, as well as enabling the opposition, enabled the minister, if we look at *Hansard*, to ask his advisers what something meant. He would say to his advisers, "That's a really good question; can you tell me how that works?"

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr I.M. Britza):** Excuse me, member. I am going to have to ask some members to leave if they are not going to cease their conversations.

**Mr N.W. Morton** interjected.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** Not that health is in any way important, member for Forrestfield! I am talking about one of the most important pieces of legislation, the Health Services Bill.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Thank you, member; you can carry on.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** The establishment of the Legislation Committee resulted from a motion by the Leader of the House to refer the bill. Obviously, that is done by agreement in this place; it is negotiated. As has been aptly put by the member for Kwinana, the Public Health Bill and the Health Services Bill were particularly well suited to that. Also, the minister was very confident in his capacity to allow for discussion on the bill, and it did not hold up the house. Although it is considered colloquially as the second chamber, it is a Legislation Committee. The consideration in detail is similar, but the strength of a Legislation Committee, for those who have not had an opportunity to participate, is that it allows the advisers to be at the table and to be referred to. It is a bit like being in estimates hearings. We ask questions in estimates, and the minister will often say that he is not down to that level of detail, but if it is a good question, he will refer it to the advisers—in the first instance to the director general, who may refer it to someone else who can give us the specifics and the detail that we need to be able to represent our constituents appropriately.

That is the strength of that process, and this is a complex piece of legislation that changes the fundamental structures of health as we have seen them over the past 10 or 15 years. At the current stage, the minister is the board; he is the employing authority; he is pretty much everything. This legislation understandably says that this is a massive budget and it is a massive organisational task to deliver a good public health system to Western Australia. We want to have good governance for that system, and good governance results from having boards. As the member for Kwinana said, at this point in time it is too early to have the third board, and the cost just does not justify it, but we can understand the process and the reasons for it.

Apart from allowing the advisers to sit at the table, the Legislation Committee establishes a quorum that is significantly smaller than that in the main chamber. It basically consists of the minister and two other members. The business must get done; it will not be held off because the chamber does not have the time. It means that opposition members must be in there. The quorum can be made up of the minister and just two other members, so opposition members know that they have the responsibility to get their act together, get in there and be prepared. It goes quickly. It is not a matter of standing up, sitting down and waiting for somebody else to stand up and sit down; we must be prepared.

It also cannot be as contrived, as sometimes may be the case in consideration in detail in this chamber. We are sitting across the table from the advisers. Maybe sometimes we might want to score some political points in this place during the consideration in detail stage. Far be it from us to want to engage in political point-scoring in this place, but perhaps there is a good reason for it. I did that during consideration in detail in here when we talked about being able to forcibly transfer people into the private sector, and I will bring that up again. The point is that in the Legislation Committee we are talking to the officers of the department who have worked long and hard on drafting and questioning, so obfuscation and other aspects of argument were not commonplace in the two occasions on which I have been involved in this process. Again, that can only be to the benefit of the communities that we represent.

The Legislation Committee process that we went through had not occurred since the Workers' Compensation Reform Bill in 2004—I just mention that that was not the debate in which we ended up arguing about one word—and, prior to that, the Environmental Protection Amendment Bill 2002. It had been some 11 years since we had used this process.

I take the opportunity at this point in my speech to thank the advisers—Ms Rebecca Brown, deputy director general of the Department of Health; Ms Robyn Daniels, senior solicitor in the Department of Health; Ms Kirsten Seneviratne, solicitor, Department of Health; Ms Lee Harvey, Deputy Parliamentary Counsel, Parliamentary Counsel’s Office; and Ms Michelle Gadellaa, legislation officer, Department of Health. It took them a bit longer to warm up than it took the Chief Public Health Officer. He was in his element when we debated the Public Health Bill. They were aware that this was a bit of an odd process, but once they realised that it was not about political point-scoring and that we were really trying to move through the bill and make changes to it to benefit the community and enhance the bill, it became quite a seamless process. There was not the situation of the adviser whispering in the ear of the minister, and the minister having to stand and trying to interpret the advice. There was much more engaging discussion, which led to changes that were to the benefit of the community.

I want to talk about the achievements of the Legislation Committee, because they need to be highlighted. It ensured that the interpretation of the bill was clear and that the bill dealt with health services rather than just hospitals. It was made clear that the bill was about health services rather than just hospitals, and as the member for Bassendean pointed out, this has become necessary, unfortunately, I think, because of the contracting out of services to the private sector. While on this side of the house we argue that the provision of hospitals is an essential service that should be delivered by the public sector, this government has undermined that with the Fiona Stanley Hospital privatisation and the Midland Public Hospital privatisation. As stated by Ms Daniels, the senior solicitor for the Department of Health, at page 1631 of *Hansard*, the object of the bill is to integrate both the public and the private partnerships to deliver public health. This is a major change in our public health system. The deputy director general of the Department of Health, Ms Brown, said —

... from a patient perspective and an employee perspective, we retain a sense of integration across the system. The word “coordinate” is very much around enabling that integration in patient continuing care and the sharing of patient information rather than the definition, which is about the actual—

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** Supply or carrying out.

**Ms R. Brown:** Yes.

Really, they are saying that the public health system has now become about coordination and not necessarily about delivery. The member for Bassendean rightly pointed out that this has now caused problems in the delivery of legal services to women around reproductive health and their right to choose if they want to have a termination of their pregnancy. That piece of legislation went through this house. It was debated, it was contentious and it was difficult, but it gave women that legal right. Now our public health system in one of our public hospitals no longer provides that public health service as a legal right, and that is an indictment on our provision of public health services. Ms Brown went on to state —

The bill itself creates a very clear role for the department as system manager and provides a level of leadership and stewardship for the system more generally and into the future.

That is at page 1631 of *Hansard*. As part of that systems management, it is really taking away a lot of the role of the minister. We can go further in exploring the role of the health boards and how they will operate and the roles of the minister and the department CEO, and how the CEO and the minister will now basically have to direct on many occasions. But the minister does retain some capacity to resolve complaints, which is sort of handy considering that people walk through our doors every day with complaints about health. We do not want to look at it as an overall system problem. We cannot say to them, “Well, you know, that’s about the public health system and the provision of proper waiting lists for this period of time.” We actually want to say, “What? You’ve been waiting for that for so long; let’s find out about it.” The bill states at clause 61(5)(c) —

the information is for the purpose of enabling or assisting the Minister to respond to or deal with a complaint or query made by the individual;

I think it is worth sharing with this house that the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the member for Kwinana, put to the minister whether it would be a complaint if someone went to *Today Tonight*. He asked whether that would make it a complaint so that the minister could suddenly go and find out information. The minister said in reply —

My view is that if someone goes public about their medical condition, it is in the public eye. I expect that you are going to ask me questions about it and I will need to know the answer. It has limits, for example.

For the purposes of the bill, so that members do not get cut down in semantics about what clause 61(5)(c) means, if it is a complaint into our office, I think that is a complaint for the minister as well, and the minister has a capacity to respond to both the opposition and all members to find out individual information. If someone comes into a member’s office and says that they have been waiting 10 years for an operation and the minister says that he cannot give any information on that under the new health act, the member can go back to the

minister and say, “Actually, they have made it public by coming to me and you’ve got the right as the minister to find out that information so that I can work that back.” There is a bit more about that in the bill, but I think it is worth all of us knowing about that in the process of these things.

There was a lot of humour in the Legislation Committee proceedings, which is quite good when one is going through a long process of considering a bill. One part of the humour was about the term “choses in action” and its definition. We had a debate about what that term means. It is a French term. For some reason we cannot use plain English around this term because it is too complex. It is a right to sue in action, so I was saying that it was about debt, but the member for Maylands heard it as being about death, so there was some cross-communication stuff going on there. I think the adviser’s pronunciation of “debt” sounded like “death”, so the member for Maylands was saying, “What? You can take action on death?” I would say to members that the humour makes it easier to be able to do something like this. I suppose one thing about going into the other chamber or the Legislation Committee is that it is still run on some of those formal lines, such as the Chair pulling members into line. I think that if we continue a process in which we take more complex bills into the Legislative Committee, we might want to think about the standing orders around that and how seriously they are taken and whether there should be the capacity for a bit of a flow of conversation. There was many a good Chair who allowed the flow of conversation, but there were a couple of Chairs who just wanted to run the debate like they would run it in this chamber. At some stages, that made the conversation stilted. I was going to talk about this a bit later but I will do it now, because this is a good demonstration of it. At one stage the Deputy Leader of the Opposition was talking about what happens with the old act. The Hospitals and Health Services Act 1927 will stay in operation, but all the public services will go across to this bill. He was asking how that would work, so the discussion was about the fact that it would need to be changed to take into account the regulation around private health. He started asking questions in particular about Healthy@Home services and how they work and how that meets up with delivery and Medicare benefits. What I thought was really interesting about what happened in the Legislation Committee, which I do not think would be possible in this house, was that the minister said that he did not understand the member’s question and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition said, “Neither do I. That is why I am exploring it.” We then went through what was really a quite good exploration of what that meant. What the member was trying to tease out was about Chemo@home and the fact that it cannot get Medicare benefits for its services unless it is contracted to the state government, but it still provides a service. The minister said —

If they cannot get Medicare, they are like any other provider of services. If they wish to get Medicare that has to be an issue for them and the commonwealth. We should not have to license them to do that, unless there is some reason—and I would need advice here.

He went on to say —

I am not even sure why we have regulations relating to private hospitals. They have nothing to do with the state. Why do we have them?

The adviser responded —

I think, historically, the government became involved in regulation of private facilities because there were problems with private facilities not having a standard. So the state said, “This is the standard of the facilities that you have to have and the proportion of staff you have to have within those facilities.”

All of those things and the fact that the Hospitals and Health Services Act 1927 is going to cover private hospitals—we now have four private hospitals delivering public health in WA—mean that it is imperative that that act does not languish like the Public Health Bill 2014 is languishing in the Legislative Council. It is not just bricks and mortar; it is about delivering services. If the government is delivering services through private health providers, it needs to get that part sorted out as well. I thought that was a very good example of how that worked out.

The committee deliberations were more than a pedantic scrutiny of words, although I note that there was a pedantic scrutiny of why there was a definition of “provide” in the bill when there was not a definition of “promote”, “coordinate”, “identify”, “respond” or “engage”. The adviser advised that the bill extended the meaning of “provide”, whereas the definitions of the other words were not extended, so a dictionary definition could be used for them. I thought it was really interesting that the provision goes beyond a normal dictionary definition of “provide” and was an extension of that.

Beyond that, some great amendments came through the process. One of those amendments was to include patient engagement. Again, that came through a discussion about delivering services to patients, and from that a provision was inserted about patient engagement. There were also insertions so that when the government was looking at policy and at other areas it would take into account the experiences of not only the consumers of health services but also their carers, and that it would establish an efficient and effective procedure to deal with complaints about the provision of health services by health service providers. The Legislation Committee process achieved an amazing benefit for the community. By participating in the Legislation Committee process the opposition made sure that this bill is responsive to patients and consumers of health services. That is to be absolutely applauded.

I do not think the new minister will be quite as accommodating as that. He certainly allowed an amendment whereby if the minister sacked the whole board, he would lay that on the table of the house, but his comment on that was, “I will give the member a win.” At no stage in the Legislation Committee process was there any notion that we were competing over this piece of legislation—we were working together! But the minister thought he had to give us a win. What the minister did not do was give the workers a win; he would not agree to an amendment that would ensure they could not be forcibly transferred into a private health institution. Under the new act, workers can be forcibly transferred. The opposition tried to make sure that those workers could challenge that so there was a fair outcome for an employee. That does not augur well for the process, and although the minister thought that he gave me a win, I did not feel I was involved in the process to win. I raised with the Minister for Health that the previous minister had said it did not seem right that workers could be forcibly transferred.

**MRS M.H. ROBERTS (Midland)** [8.42 pm]: I would like to speak on the Health Services Bill 2016 this evening at the third reading stage. As my colleagues have said, this bill signifies a different way of delivering health services in Western Australia, particularly in hospitals. The previous act was some 100 years old and was obviously designed in a different environment and era—an era in which state governments delivered services directly, where state governments were direct employers and direct providers of services. In more recent years there has been a continual push to effectively privatise or contract out services to the private sector, so rather than state government being a direct employer and a direct provider of services, it is choosing to use a contract situation. That is the primary reason that a bill like this has become necessary. The second reading speech for the Health Services Bill makes it clear that its aim is to reform the governance of the WA health system and to replace the Hospitals and Health Services Act 1927.

In December 2013, the government established a WA health transition and reconfiguration standing committee. This bill has been the best part of two and a half years in the making. Despite the Hospitals and Health Services Act 1927 being amended numerous times over the years, as it stands it is not appropriate for the governance of health in Western Australia. This bill will provide some accountability and clarity of roles in the health sector, which is very important. However, as many of my colleagues commented on this evening and in earlier stages, this bill has been brought about by the change in philosophy and direction of state government, particularly the ideology promoted by those on the conservative side of the house who believe in the contracting-out model and in the private sector delivering services. One of the issues there is the potential for services not to be delivered to the standard that the community might expect. There is also the potential for the accountabilities not to be there so that government is not as directly accountable to the people it is servicing, particularly for essential services in the health sector. That is not to say that private hospitals or the private sector cannot provide very good health services; they can and do. In some instances, they provide excellent services; however, my attitude to this is that an essential service such as health should not provide top quality care for only those who can afford to pay or those who can afford to be privately insured; we also need a very good and appropriate standard of care for everyone, including the poorest in our community, and for the elderly, the young and everyone in between, irrespective of their financial means. Yes, the provision of these services is costly, but it is very important.

As the Minister for Health commented, the annual operating budget of Health is more than \$8 billion. When we are dealing with an \$8 billion budget, we need substantial governance. I am not going to attempt to go anywhere near some of the problems exhibited in the health sector in recent years, but we have seen numerous failures by government and failures of governance in recent years. This new legislation clarifies the roles, accountabilities and responsibilities, and also devolves decision-making to others in the system. Although on one level it sounds like a good thing to have localised decision-making, counter to that we want to make sure we have a consistent standard of service and that we are delivering to a standard. I would like to know that the poorest people in my electorate were getting a standard of service commensurate with those who are perhaps getting a service in the western suburbs or elsewhere.

The second reading speech states that part 1 of the bill provides that the WA health system is based on Medicare principles, enshrining the right for eligible persons to be given a choice to receive public hospital services free of charge as public patients. That is a good thing, but it is one thing to enshrine that and another to deliver appropriate services in a timely and caring way. It is all very well saying that people have an entitlement to certain procedures or necessary operations or other health treatments, but they need to receive that in a timely way. There have been numerous occasions when I have had to write to the Minister for Health because constituents of mine have been on the waitlist for far too long. Some of these people have been in debilitating pain unable to get back to work or to look after their children or grandchildren, or just to go about their daily lives, because the waitlist has been too long and the service for them has not been timely.

There have also been issues with the location of services. Again, it is all very well to say that as a public patient a person can have a service for free. Maybe there are some in the community who would say that people should be grateful because they are getting a service for free and are not having to pay other than through their taxes and that people should be grateful for getting the service wherever they can. But for many people in my electorate,

especially in recent years, it has become onerous for them to get treatment as they have had to go further afield. As members would be aware, this government closed Swan District Hospital, and with the transition to the Midland Health Campus many people had to be “transitioned” for their services. Many of my constituents who had previously accessed oncology services, for example, at Royal Perth Hospital, were told that for future follow-ups they would have to go to Fiona Stanley Hospital. Whilst some people might say that Fiona Stanley is still in the metropolitan area, it is a brand new hospital and they should be grateful, cancer sufferers who need oncology treatment, chemotherapy or the like do not necessarily feel fit, well and able. If they do not drive a vehicle they would be reliant on public transport to get to Fiona Stanley Hospital, not just from Midland at the centre of my electorate but perhaps from one of the outlying suburbs, such as Stratton, Helena Valley or Jane Brook, and the bus services are not frequent. They would then have to be reliant on getting a bus from home to the Midland train station, getting on the train and then changing trains, and then getting off the train in the vicinity of Fiona Stanley Hospital. There have been instances in which people have been told that there would be some kind of bus service to take people there. In the early days that was non-existent. It is also not very frequent. People have had difficulty finding it. Many of my constituents have found that they have had to walk to the hospital. Then they would have to do the trip in reverse. That journey is well over an hour in each direction, probably well over an hour and a half, and it is onerous on people who are seeking cancer treatments. The only alternative would be to find someone who is prepared to drive them there, and if they have a family member who is able to do that, that person oftentimes would have to take a day off work just for the purpose of those people getting the treatment that they could or should have had locally.

I have written to the Minister for Health telling him about people who have said that they would rather seek treatment at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital because getting to Charlie Gairdner on public transport from anywhere around Midland is easier and quicker than getting to Fiona Stanley Hospital. This new system is no doubt aimed at creating some efficiency so that, potentially, people can have an operation or receive a service where there is a shorter waitlist or where there are spots available. The downside is that that is not suitable for a lot of pensioners. It is also not suitable for a lot of people who are very ill. It is also not suitable, potentially, for some young mums trying to manage children and the like. We can in a sense get too big, and whilst there is a lot of talk about local decision-making, what I am seeing in the system is a much more global service in which people in my electorate are being asked to go much further afield to access services than they would have had 10 or 20 years ago. In fact, in the last couple of years, people who have been having ongoing treatment at Royal Perth have been sent correspondence advising them that future services can be provided at Fiona Stanley Hospital, Charlie Gairdner or Rockingham Hospital. One can only imagine the reaction of some of my constituents when they are told that perhaps they could get serviced in Rockingham. I think that is a quite a ridiculous offer.

Part 2 of the bill sets out the powers of the minister and establishes the Minister for Health as a body corporate, known as the ministerial body, which is an interesting term but which obviously has a meaning in law. The second reading speech states —

The establishment of the ministerial body will assist the Minister for Health in performing functions which are more suitably performed by a body corporate than an individual.

I am not sure how the ministerial body can assist the minister if the ministerial body is in fact the minister. I think what is being set up here is essentially legal entities rather than anything else and to the average person that is probably fairly confusing.

The second reading speech also states —

Part 3 of the bill establishes the director general of the Department of Health as the system manager of the WA health system, purchasing health services from autonomous boards.

It goes on to refer to the director general as the system manager. Effectively, that is what is happening now with the push to privatise hospitals and those services. When I have inquired at the Midland Public Hospital, which is run by St John of God as the private contractor and known as “St John of God Midland Public Hospital”, and I have asked how many various oncology or other services it is providing or can provide there, the simple answer in general terms is this: it will provide as many services as the government contracts it to. So, say, for example, the government contracts it to look after 100 oncology patients or 200 of A procedure and 300 of B procedure and demand exceeds those numbers, it is then a matter for the government to decide whether or not it will increase the contract, whether it will contract that provider—be it St John of God in the Midland instance or another hospital provider in another location—to provide those services. This is the new model of delivering health care in Western Australia.

I note that the Premier and others like to laud ad nauseam their delivery of health infrastructure and pretend that they have done something great for this state. They have said they have followed the blueprint of the Reid review, a review done for the former Labor government when the former member for Fremantle, Hon Jim McGinty, was health minister. The fact of the matter is that way back then—I think around 2003—a decision needed to be made by the former Labor cabinet on whether to do a major refurbishment of the

Swan District Hospital, which is broadly in Midland, or whether to build on a greenfields site. It was under consideration for probably well over six months within government circles as to which direction we would go. The problem with Swan District Hospital was that it was like a district hospital or a little country hospital that had grown like Topsy over the years. Whilst it was on a big site, it had been added to in bits and pieces here and there. It was in pretty shocking condition. There were wings, let me call them, of the hospital that had asbestos in them and were really not suitable for refurbishing; they were only suitable for demolition, so that would have proved difficult. We decided that given the strong economic circumstances of the time we would go down the route of building the new hospital for Midland, and that was our priority. I have here some brochures that were put out at the time that referred to Midland Health Campus, as we were calling it at the time, as another state government project and that the new Midland Health Campus would open in 2011. That was our commitment and we were on track to deliver it. We announced the new Midland hospital in 2005 and gave ourselves six years to complete that public project. In fact, in June 2007 the North Metropolitan Health Service put out a staff update, which I have a copy of, headed “Master plan gathers momentum”. It states —

The development of the new Midland Health Campus master plan—which is an important part of the preparation of the Business Case—is progressing well and now moving into its second phase of development.

The more detailed planning phase involves the development and evaluation of alternative options for the site and, through stakeholder consultation, the selection of a preferred option. The assumptions of the earlier indicative master plan are also checked.

#### Consultation

The development of the master plan involves continued consultation with a range of stakeholders to deliver the best possible outcomes.

In late May, a master planning forum was held with key staff members at Swan District to discuss the indicative master plan. The feedback gained from this forum was then used to develop various options, which were further refined at a master planning workshop in mid June ...

Keep in mind that this is in 2007. It further states —

Discussions have also been held with the Midland Redevelopment Authority to ensure that the new health campus integrates with the surrounding precinct.

That document goes on and drawings and plans are attached to that staff update that went out in June 2007. I want to highlight that we were moving towards a fully public hospital. We were replacing Swan District Hospital with a fully public hospital in the same way that Royal Perth Hospital has operated as a public hospital since its inception and the way that the Swan District Hospital had operated as well. The priority for this hospital was dropped; it dropped off the radar. That was deliberate and understandable, because the Premier had gone out during the 2008 election campaign and promised a new children’s hospital for Perth. A new children’s hospital certainly had not been announced by the previous Labor government. It was not our priority at the time. We were going down the path of making do with Princess Margaret Hospital for Children for the immediate future. However, it was certainly part of the Reid review and that would have followed on logically as the next project that the former Labor government would have moved onto in following the Reid review as we had committed to do. What happened? With the new government came new priorities.

Midland hospital got pushed backwards and the Perth Children’s Hospital was suddenly put onto the agenda in 2008, and Premier Barnett set about delivering the new Perth Children’s Hospital. It is very hard to argue against prioritising a new children’s hospital. Of course, all of us want to see the best possible facility for the children of this state but the decision to bring that forward meant that Midland moved back. Essentially, Midland hospital was put on the backburner for a good two or three years. Then the government decided that it would look at different options for delivering the hospital, other than a fully public hospital. That was certainly disappointing, particularly for publicly employed staff at Swan District Hospital and the community. I will not canvass some of the issues that a couple of my colleagues have already canvassed about services that are not provided by the private hospital provider. I take no issue with St John of God not providing those services. My only issue is with the government because the government said it would deliver those services on site.

The Premier expressed his disappointment and lack of knowledge that St John of God would not provide those fertility services on location. I really wonder what rock the Premier had been living under if he ever thought that a Catholic health provider would ever provide fertility or termination services on site. This is the range of issues and no matter what the government decided it wanted the contract at St John of God to do, it would be impossible to expect the government to say that it wanted to contract St John of God to provide those services, because St John of God just plain does not provide them. We were told for a couple of years that a freestanding facility would be put on site to deliver those services and they would be delivered separately. Of course, we now know that did not eventuate and this government has chosen to fund a private organisation, Marie Stopes International Australia, to provide those services.

I am seeking to make a couple of points. One is that the hospital project that we had committed to back in 2005, which was well advanced by 2007 let alone 2008, was clearly put on the backburner. Under that proposal, we were to deliver the new Midland hospital on the site that we had selected at the Midland railway workshops, to open in 2011. Of course, it is a matter of record that that hospital opened only at the end of 2015, some four years late.

In the meantime though, a huge amount of work had been done on the Perth Children's Hospital and other health facilities. I make that point about priority, because Labor was in the process of delivering on its commitment and had we remained in government in 2008, we would have delivered a fully public hospital on that site years before the government delivered its hospital on that site. I note that the money was put on both the state budget and an allocation of funding in the order of \$160 million was committed back in about 2007–08 by the then federal government.

The further point that I make is that the Health Services Bill is brought about because of the government wanting to provide hospital services by contracting out services. Clearly, the standard of health care is absolutely important and it is of great concern to people when we get a private provider to provide services on contract. Another concern that has been raised with me in that environment is the security of people's personal medical records. Although people have some confidence in the state maintaining confidentiality, there is certainly a concern about private organisations collecting very personal information about members of the public. Again, that is not something I have time to dwell on tonight but I raise that issue.

Part 3 of the bill establishes the director general of Health as the system manager for the WA Health system whereby it then purchases services from autonomous boards.

He or she will have the powers and functions set out within part 3 of the bill, but effectively I think it exemplifies the model we are talking about. We are talking about a model that allows the director general to effectively purchase health services on contract, and that is what is happening at Midland Health Campus.

In the time remaining I will quickly point out that I have had some complaints. I look on Facebook and social media to see what experience people are having at the privatised public hospital in Midland. I have seen many great pics of mums and babies and smiling faces that have been promoted, and that is all great news—people with very, very good outcomes. Occasionally, though, I read about people who have not had such good outcomes or who are disappointed with the service. I noticed one lady posted on Facebook in the last fortnight saying that her neighbour had just become a great-grandmother for the fourth time. The baby was a little boy and the mum was fine after a caesarean section. The lady commented that less fine was the situation at the new Midland Hospital. The mum pushed her little heart out for four hours before they decided to intervene. There was nowhere for the family to sit. There was no covered internal area to wait. The front entry area of the St John of God Midland Public Hospital was all locked up. The grandmother was not permitted stay in the mum's room. It was a disaster. There were benches outside the hospital but it was raining, so the 73-year-old great-grandmother sat in her car all night. Whilst this woman is as fit as a flea, she should not have had to sit in her car all night. Not to mention that the grandma was told to leave the hospital when the lady and her partner went in to have the caesarean section. There was also some further commentary on that. It certainly surprised me and it is a matter I will raise directly with the hospital. Especially around Midland, people travel in from neighbouring country areas and the like, and if there are more than one or two support people, I think there needs to be accommodation for them.

**DR K.D. HAMES (Dawesville)** [9.12 pm]: I rise to put on the record some of the alternative facts. The fact that they are alternative suggests that one of us is not stating facts regarding the history of Midland hospital. I will respond to some of the comments by the member for Midland. Quite clearly, as shadow health minister at the time, in 2008, and then minister in late 2008, I was fairly intimately involved with the planning of Midland Public Hospital and the timings related to it. Clearly, I was not in government in early 2008, so I did not have access to records from the Labor Party at the time, but I do recall —

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order, members!

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** It was a very similar story to what happened with Albany Hospital. The Labor Party had been planning a refurbishment of Albany Hospital. It went over different plans and different versions of what was going to happen there—all refurbished versions of the very old and rundown existing hospital. Quite luckily for us we were leaked a report that had been done by the Minister for Health into options for what redevelopment should occur at that hospital.

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, the member for Midland was heard in silence. I think you should give the same courtesy to the member for Dawesville.



**Dr K.D. HAMES:** The option chosen by the Labor Party was a major refurbishment, and in fact the report that was leaked to us made the recommendation that the refurbishment was totally inadequate and a brand-new build was the best option for the hospital. Being a good opposition, we did what all good oppositions do and we made a commitment to build the new hospital.

**Mr P. Papalia:** You were never a good opposition. You were terrible.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** We won and we beat the Labor Party, so that suggests we were perhaps not so terrible after all, and the subsequent comments I will make about Midland will probably add to that.

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you, members! Order!

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** We made a commitment to build a new hospital if we were elected, and subsequently in the last week or two—the polling must have been showing that the member for Albany was in trouble; the Premier at the time, Mr Carpenter, went down to Albany and announced that, despite four years previously having put off doing anything at the hospital, Labor too would build a new hospital.

I get back to Midland. The commitment from the Labor Party had been to do a major refurbishment of Swan District Hospital. That was its plan for a long time. The member was saying that back in 2005 and 2006 the plan was for a new hospital in town. That is certainly not my recollection and that is certainly not the information that I saw put out by the Labor Party. I know in 2008—I do not remember the exact dates—we had again been considering putting forward building a new hospital in Midland. We were given leaked information that the Minister for Health in the period leading up to the election in 2008—I do not know how long it was—was about to announce that instead of doing the refurbishment, he was going to build the new hospital in Midland town. We got out early. We did a media event and a press release, because we were told that within the next two weeks the minister was going to make a statement.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, order!

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I have asked you —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** You have got your elections mixed up.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** We came out announcing that we would build a new hospital in Midland. If I got the election mixed up and the member for Midland is talking about the election campaign before in 2004–05, the Labor Party got re-elected and she says it was ready to go with all that money in the kitty. So, the Labor government must have then sat there for another four years and not built the hospital. I do not believe that is the case. I believe that this occurred in 2008, when that announcement was made.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I've got all the documents.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, will you allow the member for Dawesville to speak as you were allowed to.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I am happy to check it later, but I let you talk in silence, so perhaps you could do the same. We announced that we would build the new hospital in Midland. Even if that was four years earlier and I have my dates wrong, the point remains the same: we committed to doing that new hospital. Remember, I was only shadow Minister for Health from 2004 to 2008, so it could not have been the previous election. It is impossible for it to have been the previous election, because I was not there in that previous election. I was only there from 2004 to 2008 as shadow Minister for Health, so it makes sense that that is when it was. In 2008 we announced that we would build a new hospital in Midland while waiting for the then Minister for Health to say the same. He did not. There was this delay and we were waiting and waiting and we wondered why he was waiting so long. About four to eight weeks later he announced the hospital in Midland and \$180 million—I am pretty sure it was \$180 million and not \$160 million—to go with it. When I came in as minister in 2008, I thought, “Great, the plans are all there. They are ready to go. There is enough money to build the hospital.” But no, there was no federal government commitment at that time. There was \$180 million of state government money to build a hospital that was going to cost an enormous amount more than that.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I will tell the story. It is my story. I will tell and if the member stops talking and listens, he will get the picture.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I am trying to do a 10-minute speech and members opposite are turning it into a 30-minute speech. It is true that when we came into government, we prioritised the Perth Children's Hospital over Perth Stadium. That was the statement made by the Premier. Members can check that on the record for sure.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I did not interrupt the member for Midland—fair go.

We put the children's hospital before the stadium and delayed doing the stadium. Regarding Midland hospital, no plans had been done, no design work had been done and only half the money required to build the hospital was there. It was nowhere near ready to be built. It was the same as Labor party's announcements of dates for Fiona Stanley Hospital. Every year it was put back a year, because Labor was not ready. It was nowhere near it. The federal government at the time—a Labor government—decided it would spend money that had been put aside in the Future Fund by John Howard for infrastructure across the states. Western Australia was offered infrastructure funding by the commonwealth and was asked what we would like to use it on, particularly in health. The federal Minister for Health and Ageing, I think it was Nicola Roxon at the time, asked me what I would like the funding to go towards. I put forward two areas that I wanted the money to go towards—one was for the rehab component of Fiona Stanley Hospital, which had not been funded. That was about \$240 million. That was agreed to by the commonwealth government. The second component was Midland hospital. I asked for \$180 million to match the \$180 million that was already in the budget to cover the \$360 million cost of building that hospital. The federal government agreed to that funding. I subsequently wrote a letter, which might be the one the member for Bassendean is talking about, to Nicola Roxon to say —

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** Listen, for goodness sake. Give me a go!

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** You are seriously pathetic!

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean, I call you for the first time. I have asked you to give the member an opportunity to speak. We heard the member for Midland in silence.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I wrote to the minister at the time to ask whether she had a philosophical objection to us doing this through the private sector; that is, getting a private organisation—it turned out to be St John of God Health Care—to manage the hospital using the federal government's \$180 million. I asked whether the federal government would object and withdraw the \$180 million. The response was no; providing it provided a public service, there was no objection to us doing that. We proceeded to call for expressions of interest. We knew that St John of God did not provide a small number of procedures. It was a very small number in comparison with the total numbers being provided at Swan District Hospital. The other large competitor in the bid was Ramsay Health Care. We wanted to make sure we had two very strong competitors to get a competitive bid to get the best outcome for the taxpayers of Western Australia. As it turned out, the St John of God Health Care proposal was the best and it was awarded the contract. We originally planned to provide those additional services on site, but in going out for expressions of interest we had no suitable bids to do that, and finally agreed that we would fund them at Marie Stopes International Australia down the road. That is the history of those.

The member for Midland has provided me with other information that I am happy to follow through. All I can say is that I bet if I go through my records, which I was actually looking at yesterday, I will find those records of my announcement and the federal minister's announcements, and the dates of those that occurred in 2008. We have two alternate versions—one of us is correct. Time will tell which is true.

**MR J.H.D. DAY (Kalamunda — Minister for Health)** [9.22 pm]: Does the member for Warnbro really want to speak? If he does not, we will go home after I have spoken. We can either listen to you or go home after I have spoken. I will be generous with you.

**MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro)** [9.23 pm]: I will make a short contribution on the Health Services Bill 2016 only because I have been asked to do so. I thought that the former Minister for Health's contribution illustrated the real purpose of this bill, which is to retrospectively fit a framework around a system that he messed up. He established a system that is philosophically driven. It was interesting that the former minister used that phrase when relaying the story about the advice he sought from the federal government regarding Midland hospital. That is what this government has done to the health system and what has driven its actions within the health system and across government. In many different portfolios, a structure that had been established for decades, and in many cases was the best way to ensure that there was oversight and good governance provided to a system, has been undermined by a philosophical drive to introduce privatised services wherever it can. Regardless of whether it is a better outcome for the taxpayer or a better outcome for the provision of services, the priority has been to introduce the opportunity for privatised services. The government had to retrospectively fit a legislative framework around it to enable that undermined system to continue.

We found that the health service already had elements of privatised service provision, but it has been expanded and rolled out substantially. In my view, that happens when responsibility is devolved. The former Minister for Health made the argument in his second reading speech that —

... the WA health system lacks clarity of roles and accountabilities. The current governance arrangement for the WA health system concentrates all authority and accountability in the office of the director general, either in the office holder's own right as chief executive officer of the Department of Health or as delegate for the Minister for Health as the board of all Western Australian public hospitals and health services.

Interestingly, providing better governance will fragment the chain of command. It will fragment the responsibility by providing subordinate levels of responsibility across the system. Some will be privatised and some will be public services. Some services will be provided to other agencies like the Mental Health Commission through a memorandum of understanding. Somehow the argument goes that that enhances governance and the ability of the system to be held to account, and that devolving responsibility somehow improves the provision of services and accountability. I do not think it does. I have not watched it inside the health department but I have in Corrective Services, where a similar process has been undertaken under the leadership of this government. A global system that provided oversight and accountability to the very top through one recognised authority also provided the ability to share knowledge across the system without failures or successes having to occur in every single part of the system. One global system enabled the sharing of knowledge through what is the greatest asset—the people involved in the system. That global system was broken up into multiple organisations that will have separate motivations. They will all not be inclined to share successes and/or failures. In the case of private enterprise, they are motivated by profit margins. Not only is there a disincentive for them to notify a failure, there is also a disincentive for them to notify a success. If they succeed in the provision of a service or develop a new technique for the provision of a service, they are hardly likely to share it with a potential competitor. They see the competitor as being the public system as well because they are always trying to expand their footprint across the public sector in the provision of services. Instead of a system that has one individual authority or one point of responsibility at its apex, that person, without really having the authority and without necessarily having a responsibility—what they have is plausible deniability—will be able to say, “We have an arrangement with this organisation over here for all the responsibility there. They are a private enterprise. I have the contract with them. If they fail to comply with their contract, if we are lucky enough to identify that they have failed, we will prosecute them or we will pursue them through the courts but it was not ever my fault.” Subsequently the lack of responsibility flows up the chain to the minister, so there is another layer of responsibility between the minister and the people on the ground providing a service.

That is what happens. When a system is privatised and there are multiple entities providing that system, the delivery of services within the system is incentivised not to share failures and successes. In my view responsibility is diminished. There is a good likelihood that accountability is diminished and there is a very high likelihood that governance will be eroded over time. If members want to see an example, look at the report that was tabled today by the Auditor General entitled “Audit of Payroll and other Expenditure using Data Analytic Procedures”. This is where we are going to go in the future. If we use big data analysis to snag the occasional failure by the system, if we are lucky enough to identify it, that is how we will be able to identify whether the system has failed retrospectively. We will not very often be able to find the failures in the absence of someone like the Auditor General looking backwards. We will not have that single point of authority and responsibility. The Auditor General's office looked at four million transactions totalling over \$7.5 billion from the systems of 12 agencies. I am not very comforted by the report. I do not think it is that comprehensive; I do not think it has really drilled down to the level of failure across the system that it identified. The conclusion of the report states —

We found no evidence of fraud from our tests at any of the 12 agencies. However, we did identify errors including overpayments and a need for improved controls at 6 agencies, and in particular, at the Department of Corrective Services. Without improved controls, there is a heightened risk of fraud or error occurring.

There were 12 agencies, and 50 per cent of them had failures. If there is a failure across a system that is spending \$8 billion a year on health, there is an enormous potential for the taxpayer to be damaged and exposed, and we know that. I have no confidence at all that the health system has good governance and oversight of its expenditure. That is why it keeps blowing out its budget. There are enormous opportunities within Health for efficiencies and savings, and better service provision, but accountability and oversight is necessary to provide that. To be able to identify opportunities for better provision of services, we must have the knowledge to identify those opportunities and change them. However, when the responsibility is devolved to such an extent as the government has done through privatisation, there will be elements within the organisation whose sole motivation will not be to identify more efficient and cheaper methods of operating unless it is for withholding and retaining any savings they make within their organisation for themselves and for the profit margin of their organisation.

The whole purpose of this Health Services Bill seems to have been, beginning in December 2013, to retrospectively establish a system to accommodate the mess that the government has created. I fear that, in the future, it is likely that Auditor General's reports and some hard work by external agencies will result in the identification of failures that the government has set up through this process. In the meantime, resources that are essential across the system are being cut to fund this sort of process. We see the South Metropolitan Health Service cutting the jobs of people who actually provide health services to patients so that administrative processes can be left untouched, because they have been contracted out. It does not make sense. The whole bill has been retrospectively foisted on the people of Western Australia, and it reflects what has happened across a lot of portfolios. There will be many instances where we come to grief as a consequence of the system that the government has established.

Apart from the philosophical intent of the government to always establish privatised services wherever it can and to outsource government services, part of the motivation for this legislation is to avoid responsibility for ministers. Essentially, there does not appear to be a reason for ministers to do their job. The ministers seem to think that their job is to provide a commentary and never be responsible, and if they can avoid responsibility through outsourcing, privatisation and the reduction of government services, they will do so but what they will not do is relinquish the benefits that they receive for occupying their jobs.

We are closing in on the next election. I saw the former minister trying to defend his legacy in advance of his departure from this place, and it was interesting to watch. However, in the event that Labor takes office at the next election—I do not think it can come soon enough—there will be a lot of opportunities for reassessing and placing on the record what actually happened, and I do not believe that there will be many things that will reflect well upon the restructure that has occurred within Health. That will be exposed as one of the great failings of this government. There are quite a few failings, and it will be a competition to determine which are the worst, but I think, within Health, the manner in which the system was fragmented and torn apart, and privatisation at all costs was pursued, will be exposed as one of the great failings amongst a vast array of failures.

**MR J.H.D. DAY (Kalamunda — Minister for Health)** [9.35 pm] — in reply: I thank members for their contributions on the Health Services Bill 2016. It has been a relatively lengthy process, because it is a very substantial piece of legislation with a large number of clauses and different aspects. Consideration of the bill started off under my predecessor, the member for Dawesville, and is now my responsibility as of the last five weeks or so. It has generally been a constructive debate, from what I have heard, and using the Legislation Committee process has been very helpful to the consideration and passage of the bill. I am pleased to say it was supported by the opposition, and it allowed the use of the process whereby officers of the department and those involved in drafting the legislation were able to provide advice much more directly than is normally the case in this chamber.

As has been outlined, the bill will replace the Hospitals and Health Services Act 1927, and will have a substantial effect in reforming the governance of the Western Australian health system. It is the view of the government, and I believe it is a view more widely held, that there is insufficient clarity about the roles of the different parts of the system, and insufficient accountability. As has been reported in the media, I have made the observation since I have been back in this role that the amount of expenditure on the public hospital and health system in this state has almost quadrupled in the time since I last had responsibility for the health portfolio in the previous coalition government. In 2000–01, the budget was about \$2.2 billion, and in the next financial year it will be around \$8.5 billion on the recurrent side, with about another \$500 million in capital works. The budget has almost quadrupled in the past 15 years. Fifteen years is a rather lengthy period, but I am sure that the growth in the health budget would be far greater than in any other area within the state government. The proportion of the state budget that the health system consumes has grown over the past 10 years from about 24.5 per cent to approximately 30 per cent. That growth in the rate of expenditure and the proportion of the state government's resources, particularly in financially constrained times, is obviously having a major impact on the state's finances.

It has also been reported, and it will be outlined in more detail in the budget papers on Thursday, that the cost of providing health services in Western Australia is currently about 18 per cent higher than the average national efficient price—the unit cost of providing services across Australia on a comparative basis—and that is a substantial differential. Other states have been reducing their costs comparatively to Western Australia—I emphasise comparatively—whereas our rate of growth of expenditure has continued to rise substantially. About half of that differential is due to the fact that the Western Australian health system has higher salaries and wages compared with other parts of Australia. Generally speaking, staff in the health system in this state are paid about 20 per cent higher than the health staff in other states. I am not saying that that is a bad thing—it is obviously a good thing for the many thousands of employees in the Western Australian public hospital and health system—but the rate of growth that we have had, including in salaries, is not sustainable into the future. I also make the observation that all of this is in the context of the state government facing a \$3 billion deficit approximately in relation to recurrent expenditure—we are spending about \$3 billion more in the current financial year than we are receiving in revenue at the moment. Therefore, the impact that the health system has on the state's overall finances is very significant.

At the moment, all of the authority and accountability for the health system is placed in the office of the director general, either through the director general's own role as chief executive officer of the Department of Health or as a delegate for the Minister for Health. It is a governance arrangement that is not sustainable for such a large and complex system; therefore this model is being put in place with a number of area health services and boards to govern them. We believe that the bill will clarify the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities at each level of the system. In particular, by devolving decision-making to a more local level on an area basis, the legislation will therefore continue the delivery of efficient and, in particular, high-quality health care across Western Australia. The bill has the effect of reforming the governance of the system by establishing the director general of the department as the system manager of the WA health system, who will be responsible for ensuring consistency and integrity across the whole system by establishing separate statutory authorities to be known as health service providers, and for the delivery of health services. Essentially, a purchaser and provider model is being put into effect. As the system manager, the director general will have the responsibility to ensure consistency in the delivery of health services through the use of binding service agreements and policy frameworks and by making directions to health service providers. The bill also provides for regulation around, for example, the charging of fees for health services, employment, information management and the control of traffic on health service provider land.

During the consideration in detail stage of the bill, the opposition raised some key issues in relation to community and patient engagement, industrial relations and employment aspects, the potential for dismissal of board members and the contracting out or privatising of health services. In relation to community and patient engagement, the government agreed with the opposition's view that the legislation should recognise the importance of community and patient engagement in the delivery of health services. As a result, three amendments were made to the bill to accommodate that view. The first of the amendments was to ensure that the objects of the bill, as set out in clause 4, highlight the active role of patients as participants in the healthcare system. The second amendment was to ensure that the functions of health service providers, as set out in clause 34, include a function to establish an efficient and effective procedure for dealing with complaints about the provision of health services. The third amendment was to the constitution of the health service provider boards, as set out in clause 71, to provide for experience as a consumer of health services or as a carer to be recognised as a relevant qualification for appointment as a board member. Another amendment that was agreed to was about the minister's power to dismiss all members of a health service provider's board without any requirement for the minister to table such a significant decision in Parliament. The government—this was following my assumption of the role—did agree with the concern, and clause 102 was amended to require the minister to table the decision before both houses of Parliament and to include the decision in the health service provider's annual report. As I commented at the time, in the event that a whole board was dismissed, the requirement to table in Parliament would probably be a pretty academic exercise, because I think it would be impossible for such an action to occur without it becoming publicly known; however, it does really complete the process to require that there will be a tabling in Parliament of such an action. The final amendment that was agreed to was in relation to clause 24 to restrict the director general from delegating to health service providers the function of managing WA health system industrial relations negotiations.

Other issues were raised by the opposition on the adoption of the Public Sector Management Act provision for the redeployment, redundancy and transfer of staff, and on the health service providers' powers to enter into contracts with the private sector for the purpose of providing health services. The government did not agree to those proposed amendments. Firstly, regarding the matter of redeployment, redundancy and transfer of staff, the bill reflects the present Public Sector Management Act provisions. On the suggestion that these provisions may be used to privatise services, it has been made clear that this is not the intention of the government; however, the bill does need to provide flexibility for health service providers to enter into contracts. Any actions by health service providers to privatise services would be monitored by the government through service agreements, policy frameworks and directions, and a requirement to seek the approval of the minister and the Treasurer for certain transactions.

As I have said, I thank members for their contributions on this bill, particularly through the Legislation Committee process, which I think was a helpful aspect of the consideration of this bill.

I will put on the record one other aspect which I understand is being changed by this legislation and which I think will be very welcome. It is the current requirement for any leasing agreements within the health system to be approved by the Governor. In other words, before any agreements involving facilities that are owned by the WA health system or are going to be leased by the WA health system are put into effect, those agreements need to be approved through the Executive Council process. That requirement must involve an enormous use of resources through the public service and then through Government House. At least 50 per cent of the Executive Council meetings that I have been to over the last almost eight years, and which every other minister has been to, have required the Governor to sign off on any such leasing arrangements. I recall that one that I signed only recently was for about 50 square metres of accommodation in Tom Price for use by a dentist. Fifty square metres is not a very large area and the rental involved was a peppercorn amount, but this lease obviously plays a role in

ensuring that dental services are available to the community of Tom Price. However, the requirement for that agreement to be approved through the whole Executive Council process must be, as I said, an enormous use of resources. Putting in place a much more contemporary and still accountable system for leasing arrangements will produce a much more efficient system and will have a role in reducing red tape; it certainly should reduce the costs involved in administering the whole system.

Some specific issues were raised about Peel Health Campus; for example, what will be done about the current agreement with Ramsay Health Care, which I understand will expire in about two years—I think in August 2018. We have not made any decision at this stage about what will be done post that point. That issue is currently under consideration. Questions were also raised by the member for Mirrabooka about the Public Health Bill. I and my predecessor, the member for Dawesville, share the very strong desire for the Public Health Bill to be approved by Parliament this year. As far as we are concerned, it is not languishing in the upper house. A whole range of other legislation has needed to be dealt with in the Legislative Council and I very much hope that the opposition will facilitate the passage of the Public Health Bill during this year, if not before the end of June.

**Ms J.M. Freeman:** Like we did this piece of legislation.

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** Yes, and I look forward to both pieces of legislation having their passage facilitated through the Legislative Council. This bill is more critical because it needs to take effect from 1 July, or in a bit less than two months. The Public Health Bill is not as time critical but, as has been noted on many occasions, the review of the public health system and the rewriting of the legislation has been underway for about 20 years or so and the government is very keen for a much more contemporary public health act to be put into effect in Western Australia as well.

Once again, thank you to all the members who have contributed to the debate. Generally speaking, the passage of this legislation has been reasonably well facilitated. Probably things have dragged out a bit longer than has been absolutely essential, but that is the nature of the parliamentary process. It will be a very substantial achievement for the government and for Parliament when this bill is put into effect because it will put in place a much more contemporary arrangement in the extensive health system that we have in Western Australia, which, as I said, is being very strongly supported by Western Australian taxpayers in providing world-class services for people right across Western Australia.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Council.

*House adjourned at 9.52 pm*

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Questions and answers are as supplied to Hansard.
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**PLANNING — DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS****5144. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to all Development Assessment Panels administered by the Department of Planning and ask:

- (a) how many individual complaints has the Minister received regarding the panels; and
- (b) how many individual complaints has the Director General of the Department of Planning received regarding the panels?

**Mr J. Norberger replied:**

- (a) 82, 44 of which were objections to a proposed Mc Donald's restaurant in Applecross which was refused when considered by a development assessment panel.
- (b) 32.

**MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — BRIERTY TENDERS — COMPENSATION****5145. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to Main Roads Tender MRWA013513; MRWA010414 and MRWA01114, and ask for each tender:

- (a) has any compensation, recompense or reparation payment to Brierty as a result of a contractual dispute or disagreement associated with each of the above tenders been made as at 15 March 2016; and
- (b) if yes to (a), for each applicable tender:
  - (i) what is the amount of any payment;
  - (ii) what was the basis of the dispute for which any payment was made;
  - (iii) are there any outstanding claims in relation to any dispute or disagreement associated with the tender and, if so, what is the amount of any outstanding claim;
  - (iv) what is the cost of any State Solicitor's Office advice in relation to any contractual dispute or disagreement with Brierty;
  - (v) what is the cost of any independent legal advice in relation to any contractual dispute or disagreement with Brierty;
  - (vi) how many submissions were originally received for the tender; and
  - (vii) what was the highest and lowest tender price submitted?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(vii) Not applicable.

For the Members information — MRWA01114 is incorrectly quoted and should read MRWA01114.

**MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — BRIERTY — MEDIATION****5147. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to Main Roads Tender MRWA008913, and ask:

- (a) has mediation between Main Roads and Brierty commenced concerning the contractual dispute relating to the amount of rock encountered in cuttings;
- (b) if yes to (a), on what date did mediation commence;
- (c) if no to (a), on what date will mediation commence;
- (d) if mediation had commenced and concluded, what was the outcome of the mediation; and
- (e) what is or was the name of the independent arbitrator?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

As at 23 March 2016

- (a) Yes.
- (b) 1 February 2016.
- (c)–(d) Not applicable.
- (e) Mr Greg Steinepreis.

MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — EMPLOYEES—  
OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH HON TROY BUSWELL

**5148. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Has any staff member of Main Roads WA had any contact with the Hon Troy Buswell in an official capacity since 1 March 2015?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) on what date or dates was the contact or contacts; and
  - (b) what was the nature of the contact and/or issues discussed?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

For the period of 1 March 2015 – 15 March 2016 –

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
  - (a) Early July 2015 and late August/early September 2015.
  - (b) The nature of the contacts were in-person and discussions regarded the introduction of Mr Buswell, and his new role at Brierty and upcoming contracts listed on the Main Roads website at the time.

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT — MINISTERIAL STAFF —  
OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH HON TROY BUSWELL

**5149. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Has the Minister and/or any ministerial staff member or placement had contact with the Hon Troy Buswell in an official capacity since 1 March 2015?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) on what date or dates did the contact or contacts take place;
  - (b) was the contact via email, telephone or in-person at a meeting;
  - (c) what was the nature of the contact and/or issues discussed; and
  - (d) where the contact was in the form of a meeting:
    - (i) where did the meeting take place; and
    - (ii) what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

The Minister and his current Ministerial staff may have had contact with Mr Troy Buswell for administrative purposes only or may have had incidental or irregular social contact in which case this is not listed below.

For contact between 1 March 2015–24 March 2016 the following is provided –

- (a) Yes, 4 June 2015.
- (b) In person.
- (c) Please refer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 3362.
- (d)
  - (i) Minister's Office.
  - (ii) The Minister, Michael Buba, Samuel Calabrese, Nathan Riches, Mr Yeo See Peng and Troy Buswell.

HOUSING AUTHORITY — PROPERTY SALE — DIANELLA

**5150. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to reports the Housing Authority is currently in the process of selling two lots of almost 35,000sqm of land in Dianella, and ask:

- (a) when was the land purchased and for what price;
- (b) have either lots been sold as at today's date, and if so, what was the price realised for each lot;
- (c) why will the lots be sold rather than used for social housing initiatives given the area's proximity to schools and public transport;
- (d) will the proceeds of the sale of the lots be retained by the Housing Authority;
- (e) if yes to (d) what will the proceeds of the sale be used for; and
- (f) if no to (d), what will happen to the proceeds of the sale?



**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

The Housing Authority advises:

- (a) The Housing Authority did not purchase the lots. These lots were created from undeveloped Housing Authority land assets.
- (b) No.
- (c)–(e) The Housing Authority’s landholdings are reviewed on an ongoing basis in order to deliver the most cost effective and best possible outcomes for social and affordable housing. The Housing Authority determined that the best use of these lots was to sell the sites to the open market.

The Housing Authority will seek to ensure at least 15% of the dwellings produced from the Cottonwood Crescent landholding can be used to deliver affordable housing by imposing a condition of sale allowing the Housing Authority a discounted first right of refusal option over a number of future lots.

- (f) Not applicable.

LANDS — COBRA STATION AND BANGEMALL LEASE — GASCOYNE

**5152. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the Cobra Station pastoral lease in the Gascoigne region and ask:

- (a) who is the current holder of the lease for Cobra Station;
- (b) are there any subleases associated with Cobra Station:
  - (i) is the historic Bangemall building part of the Cobra Station Pastoral lease;
  - (ii) under what arrangement, lease or contract is Bangemall occupied;
  - (iii) who is the current occupier of Bangemall;
  - (iv) when does the lease next come up for renewal;
  - (v) will it be possible for interested members of the public to bid to have the Bangemall lease; and
  - (vi) how could someone become eligible to hold the Bangemall lease; and
- (c) how long has the current holder of the Bangemall lease held it for?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a)–(c) This question should be answered by the Minister for Environment. Please refer to Question on Notice 5153.

CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL INTERESTS —  
LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAM — MENTOR RECRUITMENT

**5154. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:**

I refer to the Leadership and Governance Program which commenced in 2015 and ask:

- (a) for the first year list the nine mentors used in the program;
- (b) how were the mentors recruited or identified;
- (c) the list of mentors for the 2016 program and; and
- (d) the process for appointment of 2016 mentors if it varies from 2015?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (a) Dr Aesen Thambiran, Dr Bernadette Wright, Mr Rasa Subramaniam, Mr Tony Chong, Ms Pearl Proud, Ms Lily Chen, Ms Maria Saraceni, Ms Fadzi Whande and Mr Sanjay Loyalka.
- (b) Mentors were those who had volunteered to be case studies for the Office of Multicultural Interests’ (OMI) publication *Diversifying boards—Your cultural advantage—A guide to pursuing a board role*, except Mr Lyalka who volunteered his services after the launch of the publication.
- (c) The mentor recruitment process for 2016 is currently underway.
- (d) Expressions of Interest are currently being sought from qualified individuals by:
  - (1) The OMI website and OMI alert email list; and

- (2) Seeking support and nominations from relevant organisations including the Australia Day Council of Western Australia, Australian Institute of Management WA, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia, Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia and a wide range of ethnic community organisations, Leadership WA, Local Government Managers Australia WA, Western Australian Council of Social Service and Western Australian Local Government Association.

Mentors are required to register their interest by completing and submitting a written application form which is available on the OMI website.

POLICE — HOON DRIVING OFFENCES

**5155. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police:**

Can the Minister advise for each of the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 ( year to date) the number, date, location and outcome of traffic operations targeting hoon driving offences in each of the following suburbs:

- (a) Marangaroo;
- (b) Landsdale;
- (c) Girrawheen;
- (d) Darch;
- (e) Madeley; and
- (f) Warwick?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (a)–(f) The response required for this question would take a significant amount of time and resources to collate and process. It is therefore not possible for Police to obtain this information without significantly compromising other core policing activities.

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — REPAY WA

**5157. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to the Repay WA scheme and ask for each of the years 2014–2015 and 2015–2016 (year to date):

- (a) how many hours of work were performed;
- (b) how many community projects were assisted; and
- (c) what savings for taxpayers eventuated as a result of this work having been performed?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

- (a) 103 498 for 2014–15  
75 680 for 1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016
- (b) 206 for 2014–15  
165 for 1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016
- (c) The responses are calculated by multiplying the national minimum wage by the number of community work hours performed (part a) and represents the value of the community work service.  
\$1 746 011 for 2014–15  
\$1 308 507 for 1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — ADULT PRISON POPULATION

**5159. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

What was the adult prison population on the date of receipt of this question, and on this date how many prisoners were:

- (a) male and serving a sentence, as opposed to on remand;
- (b) male and on remand;
- (c) female and serving a sentence; and
- (d) female and on remand?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Corrective Services advises that, as at 15 March 2016, the adult prison population was 6009.

- (a) Sentenced Males: 3890
- (b) Unsentenced Males: 1544
- (c) Sentenced Females: 386
- (d) Unsentenced Females: 189

## CORRECTIVE SERVICES — FINE DEFAULT IMPRISONMENT

**5160. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

For calendar year 2015, I ask:

- (a) how many people were imprisoned for fine default alone;
- (b) of those, how many were Aboriginal;
- (c) how many were women;
- (d) how many were Aboriginal women; and
- (e) how many were being treated for a diagnosed mental illness at the time of incarceration, and:
  - (i) of those, how many were Aboriginal;
  - (ii) how many were women; and
  - (iii) how many were Aboriginal women?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) reports its statistical data based on financial year. For the 2014–15 financial year:

- (a) 603
- (b) 247
- (c) 151
- (d) 94
- (e) The Department advises that prisoner offence and sentence information is not linked to confidential medical information. The Department therefore cannot report on the number of prisoners incarcerated for a specific offence, who were being treated for a diagnosed mental illness at the time of their incarceration.
  - (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

## DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT — ALLOWANCES AND FUNDS — GUIDELINES FOR USE

**5161. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:**

Has the Minister or Department of Local Government and Communities issued Guidelines on the suitability of elected officials and officers using their local government allowances or funds, raised primarily through ratepayers, on fundraisers that are political in nature, and if so, what are the guidelines or the policy position?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

No.

## DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PARTY POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS — COMPLAINTS

**5162. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:**

- (1) Has the Minister's Office or the Department of Local Government and Communities received any complaints from elected officials that their local government authority is paying for elected officials or officers to attend party political fundraisers:
  - (a) if so, how many; and
  - (b) which local government authorities were the complaints received regarding?
- (2) Has the Minister's Office or the Department of Local Government and Communities received any complaints from ratepayers that their local government authority is paying for elected officials or officers to attend party political fundraisers:
  - (a) if so, how many? and; and
  - (b) which local government authorities were the complaints received regarding?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

- (1) No.
- (a)–(b) Not applicable.
- (2) Yes.
- (a) One.
- (b) It is not appropriate for me to comment as the complaint is the subject of a current investigation by my Department of Local Government and Communities.

## FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — VOLUNTEER RESIGNATIONS

**5163. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Health:**

Since 1 February 2015, how many staff have voluntarily resigned from Fiona Stanley Hospital:

- (a) what is the breakdown of the number outlined in (1) in terms of:
  - (i) allied health staff;
  - (ii) non-nursing medical staff;
  - (iii) nursing staff;
  - (iv) non-clinical staff;
  - (v) administrative staff; and
  - (vi) other; and
- (b) what number or percentage of resigned staff in the above categories undertook any form of exit interview?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

Answer as at 15 March 2016:

- (a) 352. A voluntary resignation is where an employee has resigned on their own accord, for example to take a role in another organisation or hospital but would not include voluntary severance or retirement due to age or health.
  - (i) 63.
  - (ii) 20.
  - (iii) 173.
  - (iv) 17.
  - (v) 79.
  - (vi) Nil.
- (b) WA Health offers all exiting employees the opportunity to complete an exit survey. Participation in the exit survey is voluntary and individuals are not required to identify themselves on the survey, in accordance with the WA Health Exit Survey Policy. It is therefore not possible to identify the percentage of individuals in the above categories that undertook the exit survey. Where exit interviews occur directly with a line manager, that also remains confidential.

## MINISTER FOR HOUSING — PORTFOLIOS — HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5164. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

The Housing Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor; Burswood Park Board; Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association; Racing and Wagering Western Australia

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT — HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5165. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Department of Transport

- (a) No.
- (b) Not Applicable

Public Transport Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not Applicable

Main Roads

- (a) No.
- (b) Not Applicable

Fremantle Port Authority

- (a) Yes.
- (b)
  - (i) Employee Survey on issues associated with proposed port sale.
  - (ii) Fremantle Ports Executive Team.
  - (iii) \$9 000 (ex GST).

Southern Port Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not Applicable

Kimberley Port Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not Applicable

Pilbara Port Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not Applicable

Mid-West Ports Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not Applicable

## MINISTER FOR WATER — PORTFOLIOS — HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5166. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

Aqwest

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

Busselton Water

- (a) Yes
- (b) (i) CEO Annual Performance Evaluation – 360 Survey
- (ii) Price Consulting Group Pty Ltd
- (iii) \$1 929.95

Combat Sports Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

Department of Sport and Recreation

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

Department of Water

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

Forest Products Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

VenuesWest

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) No human resource-related surveys have been conducted since 1 July 2015.
- (ii)–(iii) Not applicable.

Water Corporation

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) Change management and the impact of reform programs.
- (ii) Human Resources Branch.
- (iii) \$7 404.65

Western Australian Institute of Sport

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

*\*All figures include GST.*

MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES — PORTFOLIOS —  
HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5167. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business; Veterans:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not Applicable.

The Department of Corrective Services (DCS) advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not Applicable.

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not Applicable.

The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not Applicable.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises, in relation to Veterans matters:

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not Applicable.

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — PORTFOLIOS —  
HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5168. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Heritage:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Department of Environment Regulation

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Department of Parks and Wildlife

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Office of the Appeals Convenor

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Office of the Environmental Protection Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## State Heritage Office

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Zoological Parks Authority (Perth Zoo)

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PORTFOLIOS —  
HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5169. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

## Department Local Government Communities

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

## Metropolitan Cemetery Board

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — PORTFOLIOS —  
HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5171. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and



- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Agricultural and Food

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Fisheries

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR FINANCE — PORTFOLIOS — HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5172. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Finance; Mines and Petroleum:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

The Department of Finance advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH — PORTFOLIOS —  
HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5174. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Mental Health; Child Protection:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Ms A.R. Mitchell replied:**

Mental Health Commission:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) Culture and Wellbeing Survey conducted with all Mental Health Commission staff post amalgamation with the Drug and Alcohol Office.
- (ii) The results of the survey are reported to the Mental Health Commission Corporate Executive.
- (iii) \$5,475.00

Office of the Chief Psychiatrist:

- (a)–(b) The Office of the Chief Psychiatrist has not conducted any employment satisfaction survey or exit survey.

Mental Health Tribunal:

- (a)–(b) The Mental Health Tribunal has not conducted any employment satisfaction survey or exit survey.

Mental Health Advocacy Service (Formerly Council of Official Visitors):

- (a)–(b) The Mental Health Tribunal has not conducted any employment satisfaction survey or exit survey.

Disability Services Commission:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Department for Child Protection and Family Support:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

**MINISTER FOR PLANNING — PORTFOLIOS — HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS****5175. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

Art Gallery of Western Australia

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

Department of Culture and the Arts

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

Perth Theatre Trust

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

ScreenWest

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

## State Records Office

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

## State Library of WA

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

## Western Australian Museum

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

## Department of Planning and Western Australian Planning Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

## Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — PORTFOLIOS —  
HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5177. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

## Department Of Regional Development

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) (1) VitalPulse Survey
  - (2) informs workplace psychological and mental health
  - (3) provides staff with a personalised, confidential report as part of the departments change management support for staff
- (ii) (1) Vital Conversations Pty Ltd
  - (2) Employees (own personalised report)
  - (3) Department Corporate Executive (summary of data)
- (iii) \$8 470

## Department of Lands

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## LandCorp

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Landgate

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) Exit Surveys
- (ii) Director of People and Culture, Landgate
- (iii) \$5850 (excluding GST)

## Gascoyne Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Great Southern Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Kimberley Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Mid West Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Peel Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Pilbara Development Commission

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) 360 degree feedback
- (ii) To the Chief Executive Officer
- (iii) \$4 525.00 plus GST

## Southwest Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## Wheatbelt Development Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Not applicable

## DEPUTY PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

**5179. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women's Interests:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

Western Australia Police

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Road Safety Commission

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) Employee Perception Survey – designed to capture employee views on organisational leadership, workplace satisfaction, ethical behaviour and equity and diversity.
- (ii) The Road Safety Commission receives a combined summary of responses.
- (iii) Nil. This survey was administered by the Public Sector Commission.

Department of Training and Workforce Development

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Central Institute of Technology

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) Insync Surveys, an online survey tool, was purchased to provide both entry and exit surveys.
- (ii) Director Organisational Development
- (iii) No payment was made during the time period.

Challenger Institute

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

C.Y. O'Connor Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Durack Institute of Technology

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) A “Staff Engagement Survey” was facilitated by OPRA Consulting Services.
- (ii) A report was provided to the Institute which was then disseminated to staff.
- (iii) \$2 465.70

Goldfields Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Great Southern Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Kimberley Training Institute

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Pilbara Institute

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Polytechnic West

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

South West Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

West Coast Institute of Training

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Department of Education Services

The Department of Education Services is accountable to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development for supporting the Training Accreditation Council. For its other functions the Department is accountable to the Minister for Education. The Department of Education Services is included in the response to the question from the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs.

Building Construction and Industry Training Fund

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Department of Local Government and Communities

Women's Interests is administratively supported as part of the Department of Local Government and Communities and, as such, the response will be included in the Department of Local Government and Communities' response under the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth.

#### PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — HUMAN RESOURCES SATISFACTION SURVEYS

##### **5180. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Science:**

For each agency, department and Government Trading Enterprise (GTE) within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) does the agency, department or GTE engage the services of an outside organisation, company or individual to conduct any human resource-related surveys, such as employee satisfaction surveys or exit surveys; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what is the nature or description of each type of human resource-related survey conducted by the outside body or individual for the agency, department or GTE from 1 July 2015 to date;
  - (ii) to whom does the outside body or individual report on the results of these surveys; and
  - (iii) what was the cost of such engagements for the period 2015 to date?

##### **Mr C.J. Barnett replied:**

Public Sector Commission, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, ChemCentre, Goldcorp and Lotterywest:

- (a) Nil.
- (b) N/A.

Department of State Development advises:

- (a) Yes
- (b) (i) The Department engaged the services of an outside company to conduct follow-up work to the Public Sector Commission's sector-wide employee survey of 2015.
- (ii) The outside company reports to the Director General on the results of this survey.
- (iii) The cost will be \$12 500.

#### MINISTER FOR HOUSING — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

##### **5181. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment "freeze" beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

The Housing Authority

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR WATER — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5183. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

Aqwest

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Busselton Water

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Combat Sports Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Department of Sport and Recreation

- (a) One.
- (b) 28 January 2016
- (c) Casual Instructor, Camp Quaranup \$57 729 per annum.
- (d) Nil. Confirmation was however received that this position was a casual position and was considered outside of the scope of the recruitment freeze and approval was not required.
- (e) Advice that the position was not in scope was received on 23 February 2016.

Department of Water

- (a) One.
- (b) 27 January 2016.
- (c) Two Environmental Officers at \$135 417 per annum per position.  
Six Environmental Officers at \$116 143 per annum per position.
- (d) None.
- (e) Not applicable.

Forest Products Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## VenuesWest

- (a) 3
- (b) 8 January 2016  
23 February 2016  
3 March 2016
- (c) Kidz Gym Supervisor – \$53 237.00  
Sous Chef – \$53 237.00  
Casual Operations staff – Casual  
Aquatic Services Officer – \$41 889.00 per annum  
Chief Operating Officer – \$167 257–\$176 183 per annum  
Payroll Co-ordinator – \$74 587–\$78 826 per annum
- (d) Nil. Confirmation was however received that the front line casual positions listed above were considered outside of the scope of the recruitment freeze, approval was not required.
- (e) Advice in relation to the casual positions was received on 22 February 2016.

## Water Corporation

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Western Australian Institute of Sport

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5184. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business; Veterans:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

[See tabled paper no 4130.]

## MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5185. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Heritage:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

## Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

- (a) Two.
- (b) 2 February 2016.
- (c) Aspects of Kings Park Gallery Shop Supervisor (2part-time roles) \$41,006 per annum pro rata.  
Aspects of Kings Park Gallery Shop Casual Staff (\$23.46 per hour casual rate).
- (d) None.
- (e) Not applicable – approval not granted. Letter of advice received 25 February 2016.



## Department of Environment Regulation

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Department of Parks and Wildlife

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Office of the Appeals Convenor

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Office of the Environmental Protection Authority

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## State Heritage Office

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Zoological Parks Authority (Perth Zoo)

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5186. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

## Metropolitan Cemetery Board

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Department Local Government communities

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## TREASURER — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5187. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Energy; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

As at 15 March 2016:

Department of Treasury

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Economic Regulation Authority

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Government Employees Superannuation Board

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Horizon Power

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Independent Market Operator

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Insurance Commission of Western Australia

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Office of Multicultural Interests

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Office of the Auditor General

- (a) One exemption sought for two positions.
- (b) 9 February 2016
- (c) Information Systems Auditor – Permanent Level Four – salary \$74,587; and Information Systems Auditor – Six Month Fixed Term Contract Level Four – salary \$37,293
- (d) Still pending.
- (e) Not applicable.

Public Utilities Office

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Synergy

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Western Australian Treasury Corporation

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Western Power

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5189. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Finance; Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

The Department of Finance (excluding Public Utilities Office) advises:

- (a) 16
- (b) 24 December 2015
- (c) Exemptions were sought for 16 positions in State Revenue and their associated backfill if these positions were filled internally:

Position Title	Salary	Number of Positions
Inspector	\$66,240	4
Senior Revenue Officer	\$74,587	2
Investigations Officer	\$82,973	5
Specialist Revenue Officer	\$66,240	1
Senior Compliance Systems Analyst	\$96,552	1
Specialist Compliance Officer	\$96,552	1
Assistant Senior Inspector	\$74,587	2

- (d) Exemptions were approved for the following positions:

Position Title	Salary	Number of FTE
Inspector (pool)	\$66,240	4
Grants Officer (pool) (backfill)	\$66,240	1
Revenue Officer (pool) (backfill)	\$66,240	2
Revenue Officer (permanent appointment) (backfill)	\$66,240	2

- (e) The Treasurer approved on 19 February 2016.

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer advises:

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

The Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia advises:

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5190. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

Corruption and Crime Commission

- (a) Eighteen.
- (b)–(e) [See tabled paper no 4135.]

Commission for Children and Young People

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Department of Commerce

- (a) Six.
- (b)–(e) [See tabled paper no 4135.]

Department of the Registrar WAIRC

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

DOTAG

- (a) Four.
- (b)–(e) [See tabled paper no 4135.]

Director of Public Prosecutions

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Commissioner for Equal Opportunity

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Office of the Information Commissioner

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Legal Aid

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Legal Practice Board WA

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Legal Profession Complaints Committee

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Solicitor General

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Workcover

- (a) None.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5191. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Mental Health; Child Protection:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Ms A.R. Mitchell replied:**

Mental Health Commission:

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Office of the Chief Psychiatrist:

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Mental Health Tribunal:

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Mental Health Advocacy Service:

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Disability Services Commission:

- (a) No exemption request has been submitted to date.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Department for Child Protection and Family Support:

- (a) 3
- (b) All 3 were submitted together on 15 February 2016.
- (c)

Child Protection Workers (SC1)	\$63,576– \$87,166
Secure Care Officers	\$66,246–\$71,919
Residential Care Workers	\$57,729–\$62,689
- (d) Child Protection Workers and Residential Care Workers.
- (e) 18 March 2016

**MINISTER FOR PLANNING — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS****5192. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

Answer – From 21 December 2015 until 15 March 2016

Department of Planning

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Western Australian Planning Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Art Gallery of Western Australia

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Department of Culture and the Arts

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Perth Theatre Trust

- (a) One (1).
- (b) 14 January 2016
- (c) Exemption was sought for a range of casual front and back of house staff employed in the operation of the Perth Theatre Trust's venues.
- (d) The requested exemptions were determined to be outside the scope of the recruitment freeze and therefore an exemption was not required.
- (e) Not applicable.

## ScreenWest

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## State Library of Western Australia

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## State Records Office

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Western Australian Museum

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — PORTFOLIOS —  
RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5194. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

## Department of Regional Development

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Department of Lands

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## LandCorp

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Landgate

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Gascoyne Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

- (a) Twice.
- (b) (1) 15 January 2016  
(2) 18 February 2016
- (c) (1) Administration and Project Officer (Level 3) \$57 729  
(2) Senior Grants Officer (Level 6) \$96 552  
(3) Assistant Director (Level 8) \$128 094
- (d) All 3 positions as outlined above (c)
- (e) 8 March 2016

## Great Southern Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Kimberley Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Mid West Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Peel Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Pilbara Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Southwest Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## Wheatbelt Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## DEPUTY PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5196. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women’s Interests:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

As at 15 March:

Western Australia Police

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

Road Safety Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

Department of Training and Workforce Development

- (a) One.
- (b) 18 January 2016
- (c) Aboriginal Youth Transition Officer (2 FTE)  
\$106 000 per FTE including on-costs
- (d) Nil.
- (e) Not Applicable.

Central Institute of Technology

- (a) One.
- (b) 24 February 2016
- (c) Casual Auslan Interpreter  
\$55 per hour
- (d) Awaiting response from Treasurer
- (e) Not applicable

Challenger Institute

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

Durack Institute of Technology

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

Goldfields Institute of Technology

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

Great Southern Institute of Technology

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

Kimberley Training Institute

- (a) 1.
- (b) 24 February 2016

(c)	(d)	(e)
Lecturer Agriculture (Beef Cattle Production) \$70 443 – \$95 816	Awaiting response from Treasurer	Not Applicable
Lecturer Horticulture \$70 443–\$95 816	Awaiting response from Treasurer	Not Applicable
Lecturer Tourism \$70 443–\$95 816	Awaiting response from Treasurer	Not Applicable
Casual Lecturer High Risk (Pool) \$50.36–\$58.96 per hour	Awaiting response from Treasurer	Not Applicable
Lecturer Automotive \$70 443–\$95 816	Awaiting response from Treasurer	Not Applicable
Lecturer Language Literacy and Numeracy (2 FTE) \$70 443–\$95 816 per FTE	Awaiting response from Treasurer	Not Applicable



## Pilbara Institute

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

## Polytechnic West

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

## South West Institute of Technology

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

## West Coast Institute of Training

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

## Department of Education Services

The Department of Education Services is accountable to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development for supporting the Training Accreditation Council. For its other functions the Department is accountable to the Minister for Education. The Department of Education Services is included in the response to the question from the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs.

## Building Construction and Industry Training Fund

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) Not Applicable.

## Department of Local Government and Communities

Women's Interests is administratively supported as part of the Department of Local Government and Communities and, as such, the response will be included in the Department of Local Government and Communities' response under the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth.

## PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — RECRUITMENT FREEZE EXEMPTIONS

**5197. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Science:**

I refer to exemptions sought from the Treasurer during the current recruitment “freeze” beginning on 21 December 2015, and ask for each agency and department within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities:

- (a) on how many occasions have exemptions been sought by each organisation since 21 December 2015;
- (b) on what date was each exemption application submitted;
- (c) what was the title and salary of each position for which an exemption was sought;
- (d) for which positions outlined in where exemptions approved; and
- (e) on what date was approval for each position conveyed to the organisation?

**Mr C.J. Barnett replied:**

The Public Sector Commission advises:

- (a) Exemptions were sought on one occasion for four positions.
- (b) 5 February 2016.
- (c) Director General, Department of the Attorney General.

Salary range is \$299,656–\$361,645.

Director General, Department of Transport; Chief Executive Officer, Public Transport Authority; and the Commissioner of Main Roads, Main Roads are held concurrently by one person.

Salary range is \$361,645–\$508,663.

- (d) All.
- (e) 16 March 2016

## Salaries and Allowances Tribunal

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(e) N/A.

Lotterywest

(a) Not Applicable—Lotterywest is outside the scope of the current external recruitment freeze.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises:

- (a) One
- (b) 26 February 2016
- (c) Reception/Administrative Assistant, (to Leader of the Opposition) Level 2.1, \$57 729 per annum.
- (d) Reception/Administrative Assistant
- (e) 16 March 2016.

ChemCentre advise:

- (a) One.
- (b) Received by DPC on 2 March 2016, but was not approved for further consideration.
- (c) Team Leader (Chemist), Racing and Wagering Specified Calling Level 3.
- (d) None.
- (e) Not Applicable.

Department of State Development advises:

- (a) There were no exemptions sought during the current recruitment freeze.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Goldcorp

(a)–(e) Not Applicable—Gold Corporation is outside the scope of the current external recruitment freeze.

PREMIER AND CABINET — APPROVED BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5198. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier:**

I refer to Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) approval of department and agency expenditure, or additional expenditure, on promotions and advertising associated with the “Bigger Picture” campaign, and ask:

- (a) has DPC approved any expenditure by departments or agencies since 20 August 2015; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) for which departments or agencies has expenditure been approved;
  - (ii) what is the amount of the approved expenditure for each department or agency; and
  - (iii) what is the term of the approved expenditure for each department or agency?

**Mr C.J. Barnett replied:**

As at 15 March 2016:

- (a) Yes
- (b) (i) Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority and WA Health;
- (ii) \$854 000 and \$71 033 respectively;
- (iii) from 27 October 2015 to 26 October 2016 and from 13 October 2015 to 30 June 2016 respectively.

MINISTER FOR HOUSING — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5199. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government’s “Bigger Picture” campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister’s control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

The Housing Authority

- (a) Yes.
- (b) \$12 001 in 2015-16.

Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR WATER — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5201. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

Aqwest

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Busselton Water

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Combat Sports Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Department of Sport and Recreation

- (a) Yes
- (b) 2012-13 – Nil  
2013-14 - Nil  
2014-15 - \$8 339.00  
1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016 - Nil

Department of Water

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Forest Products Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

VenuesWest

- (a) Yes.
- (b) 2012-13 - Nil  
2013– 14 - Nil  
2014- 15 - Nil  
1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016 - \$5 430

## Water Corporation

- (a) Yes.
- (b) 2012-13 - Nil  
2013-14 - \$3 076  
2014-15 - Nil  
1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016 - Nil

## Western Australian Institute of Sport

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES — PORTFOLIOS —  
BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5202. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business; Veterans:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Department of Corrective Services (DCS) advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) Secretariat advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) advises:

- (a) No money has been expended in relation to the "Bigger Picture" campaign.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises, in relation to Veterans matters:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5203. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Heritage:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Department of Environment Regulation

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Department of Parks and Wildlife

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Office of the Appeals Convenor

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Office of the Environmental Protection Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

State Heritage Office

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Zoological Parks Authority (Perth Zoo)

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PORTFOLIOS —  
BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5204. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

Metropolitan Cemetery Board

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Local Government Communities

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

TREASURER — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5205. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Energy; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

## Department of Treasury

- (a) The Department of Treasury's (Treasury's) Strategic Projects and Asset Sales business (SP&AS) is a contributor to the Major Projects Awareness Campaign, coordinated by the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (MRA). SP&AS is an equal one third contributor, providing \$300,000 annually.
- (b) The MRA is responsible for expenditure of the funds in question; accordingly, the question should be directed to that agency.

## Economic Regulation Authority

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Government Employees Superannuation Board

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Horizon Power

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Independent Market Operator

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Insurance Commission of Western Australia

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Office of Multicultural Interests

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Office of the Auditor General

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Public Utilities Office

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Synergy

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Western Australian Treasury Corporation

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Western Power

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — PORTFOLIOS —  
BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5206. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Agriculture and Food -

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Fisheries -

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR FINANCE — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5207. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Finance; Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

The Department of Finance advises:

- (a)–(b) The Department of Finance arranges signage on major capital works projects which includes the "Bigger Picture" logo. However, the provision of construction signage on projects managed by the Department of Finance has been mandated in specification preliminaries since 1996 and complies with the requirements of the *Building Services (Registration) Regulations 2011*.

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

The Minerals Institute of Western Australia advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH — PORTFOLIOS —  
BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5209. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Mental Health; Child Protection:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Ms A.R. Mitchell replied:**

Mental Health Commission:

- (a) The Mental Health Commission has not expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign.
- (b) Not applicable.

Office of The Chief Psychiatrist:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Mental Health Tribunal:

- (a) The Mental Health Tribunal has not spent any money as part of , or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Mental Health Advocacy Service (and Formerly the Council of Official Visitors):

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Disability Services Commission:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Department for Child Protection and Family Services:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## MINISTER FOR PLANNING — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5210. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's "Bigger Picture" campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

## Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Amount expended to 15 March 2016 since the campaign commence in 2012 is \$3,864,680.06

## Department of Planning

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Art Gallery of Western Australia

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Department of Culture and the Arts

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Perth Theatre Trust

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## ScreenWest

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## State Library of Western Australia

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## State Records Office

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.



## Western Australian Museum

- (a)–(b) No funds were spent on the ‘Bigger Picture’ campaign, however the WA Museum has incorporated the Bigger Picture logo on materials related to the New Museum Project. Total expenditure on these materials since 1 July 2013 is \$21,760. The materials have been used for community and stakeholder engagement and do not form part of a dedicated campaign.

## MINISTER FOR HEALTH — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5213. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Health; Tourism:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government’s “Bigger Picture” campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister’s control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr J.H.D. Day**

## Department of Health

- |     |                              |           |
|-----|------------------------------|-----------|
| (a) | Yes                          |           |
| (b) | 2012-2013                    | Nil       |
|     | 2013-2014                    | \$356,967 |
|     | 2014-2015                    | \$838,496 |
|     | 1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016 | \$360,428 |

## Health and Disability Services Complaints Office

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Healthway

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Tourism Western Australia

As at 15 March 2016

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## With respect to the Rottnest Island Authority

- |     |                     |            |
|-----|---------------------|------------|
| (a) | Yes                 |            |
| (b) | 2012-2013           | Nil        |
|     | 2013-2014           | Nil        |
|     | 2014-2015           | Nil        |
|     | 1 July 2015 to date | \$5,494.89 |

## DEPUTY PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5214. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women’s Interests:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government’s “Bigger Picture” campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister’s control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

## Western Australia Police

- (a) Yes
- (b) 2012-13: nil  
2013-14: nil  
2014-15: \$623 242.87  
1 July 2015 to date: \$2 020.29

## Road Safety Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Department of Training and Workforce Development

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Central Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Challenger Institute

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Durack Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Goldfields Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Great Southern Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Kimberley Training Institute

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Pilbara Institute

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Polytechnic West

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## South West Institute of Technology

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## West Coast Institute of Training

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Department of Education Services

The Department of Education Services is accountable to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development for supporting the Training Accreditation Council. For its other functions the Department is accountable to the Minister for Education. The Department of Education Services is included in the response to the question from the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs.

## Building Construction and Industry Training Fund

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## Department of Local Government and Communities

Women's Interests is administratively supported as part of the Department of Local Government and Communities and, as such, the response will be included in the Department of Local Government and Communities' response under the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth.

## PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — BIGGER PICTURE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE

**5215. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Science:**

I refer to expenditure on advertising, campaigns and promotions, branding, research, printing and other forms of communication associated with the State Government's Bigger Picture campaign, and ask for each department and agency under the Minister's control:

- (a) has the department or agency expended any money as part of, or associated with, the Bigger Picture campaign; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the total amount expended in each of the financial years, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Mr C.J. Barnett replied:**

Lotterywest, Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, Public Sector Commission, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, ChemCentre, Department of State Development; and Goldcorp

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

## CORRECTIVE SERVICES — CRIME STATISTICS — DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

**5218. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

For each calendar year 2013, 2014 and 2015:

- (a) what total amount of money was spent on accumulating, analysing and reporting crime and related statistics;
- (b) how many FTE and what level or rank were dedicated to this task; and
- (c) what total amount of money was expended on external consultants or studies associated with analysing crime statistic, assessing effectiveness of policies and/or advising on organisational practices or structure?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

- (a)–(c) Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5217.

## CORRECTIVE SERVICES — PRISONS — DRUG REHABILITATION

**5220. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

- (1) For each calendar year 2013, 2014 and 2015 what total funding was expended in prisons for drug rehabilitation?
- (2) For each of these years what total funding, if any, was expended on drug rehabilitation programs in the community by the Corrective Services Department, and if funding was spent on community programs, please list the programs and amounts allocated for each year?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) advises:

The Department reports its financial and statistical data on financial years.

- (1) 2012-13 - \$3 007 369
- 2013-14 - \$3 112 740
- 2014-15 - \$3 195 740

These figures do not include Court Assessment and Treatment Services as they are not considered to meet the definition of a drug rehabilitation program.

- (2) Programs are delivered on the basis of demand.
- 2012-13  
 Breaking Out - \$56 660  
 Pathways - \$20 985  
 Counselling - \$8 184  
 Indigenous Men Managing Anger and Substance Abuse - \$4 722 \*
- 2013-14  
 Breaking Out - \$29 109
- 2014-15  
 Breaking Out - \$139 238  
 Pathways - \$11 051  
 Counselling - \$1 326

*\*The Indigenous Men Managing Anger and Substance Abuse was taken off the program suite using a staggered approach in 2012-13 due to evaluation data indicating limitations in the treatment effect of the program.*

ATTORNEY GENERAL — DRUG-RELATED CONVICTIONS

**5221. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister representing the Attorney General:**

- (1) In each calendar year 2014 and 2015, how many male adults were convicted of an offence or offences involving:
- drug use;
  - drug possession; and
  - dealing/trafficking?
- (2) For each of the categories above:
- how many were sentenced to 3 months imprisonment or less;
  - how many were sentenced for between 3 and 6 months;
  - how many were sentenced for between 6 and 9 months; and
  - how many were sentenced for between 9 and 12 months?
- (3) For each calendar year 2014 and 2015, how many female adults were convicted of an offence or offences involving:
- drug use;
  - drug possession; and
  - dealing/trafficking?
- (4) For each of the categories in (3):
- how many were sentenced to 3 months imprisonment or less;
  - how many were sentenced for between 3 and 6 months;
  - how many were sentenced for between 6 and 9 months; and
  - how many were sentenced for between 9 and 12 months?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (1) (a) calendar year 2014 – 26, calendar year 2015 – 46  
 (b) calendar year 2014 – 4625, calendar year 2015 – 5750  
 (c) calendar year 2014 – 663, calendar year 2015 – 692
- (2) (a) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 1;  
 drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 146, calendar year 2015 – 147;  
 dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 12, calendar year 2015 – 10
- (b) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
 drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 15, calendar year 2015 – 20;  
 dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 17, calendar year 2015 – 12

- (c) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 2, calendar year 2015 – 3;  
dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 9, calendar year 2015 – 13
- (d) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 2;  
dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 35, calendar year 2015 – 48
- (3) (a) calendar year 2014 – 15, calendar year 2015 – 11  
(b) calendar year 2014 – 1274, calendar year 2015 – 1766  
(c) calendar year 2014 – 213, calendar year 2015 – 237
- (4) (a) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 1, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 22, calendar year 2015 – 24;  
dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 2, calendar year 2015 – 4  
(b) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 2;  
dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 4, calendar year 2015 – 2  
(c) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 2, calendar year 2015 – 5  
(d) drug use: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
drug possession: calendar year 2014 – 0, calendar year 2015 – 0;  
dealing trafficking: calendar year 2014 – 6, calendar year 2015 – 8

TREASURY AND FINANCE — LANDGATE OFFICES LOCATION

**5222. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Finance:**

I refer to the Landgate offices in Midland and ask:

- (a) does the Government have any plans to relocate Landgate from Midland; and
- (b) can the Government guarantee that Landgate will continue to stay in Midland for the next decade?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

The Department of Finance advises:

There are currently no plans to relocate Landgate from the Midland area.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — SENIORS — FREE TRAVEL

**5223. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the extension of free public transport for seniors allowing travel for free after 7.00pm until 6.00am on weekdays from 1 July 2015 and ask:

- (a) what figures can the Minister provide for the take-up by seniors of this concession between the hours of 7.00pm and 6.00am from 1 July 2015 to 1 February 2016; and
- (b) have there been any increases in the number of security officers, or allocation of lines for security officers, to accommodate this change during the hours of 7.00pm and 6.00am?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Insofar as the Public Transport Authority is concerned for the period 1 July 2015 to 15 March 2016:

- (a) Since the 1 July 2015 extension of free public transport for seniors between 7pm at night until 6am on weekdays there has been 93,076 journeys taken by seniors during this period. This is a 45 per cent increase in journeys (from 64,234) compared to the previous year 1 July 2014 to 15 March 2015 when travel during this period was paid.
- (b) With respect to Transperth bus services, Transperth already maintains a heavy presence of security for its evening and night time services. Therefore, no additional security measures are being introduced as a result of this strategy, noting that no additional trips or services are being provided.

In regards to Transperth train services, again noting that no additional trips or services are being provided, the Public Transport Authority's current complement of Transit Officers which are rostered across the urban rail network and are assisted by contracted MSS revenue protection staff will continue to provide a significant security presence on board trains and at train stations each day.

## LANDCORP — DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**5224. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

- (1) What development projects are Landcorp currently involved in, whether as a manager or partner?
- (2) For each project listed in (1), what other agencies or private sector entities are involved?
- (3) What is the estimated number of lots to be created for each project, and how many of these lots will be residential, industrial or any other zoning?
- (4) What is the estimated return to Government for each project?
- (5) What is it estimated each project will be completed?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (1) LandCorp has 149 development projects active over its 5 year forward estimates period either as managed or partnered.

	Active LandCorp projects over 5 year period
Regional Development	68
Metropolitan	42
Industry and Infrastructure	32
Government Services	7
Total	149

- (2) Each of LandCorp's projects involve a range of agencies and private sector entities. Some of these include, for example, the Western Australian Planning Commission, the Department of Environment Regulation, the Water Corporation, Horizon Power, the Department of Lands, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Local Government Authorities, Regional Development Commissions, property developers, local businesses and suppliers, and land purchasers.
- (3) Refer table below.

Program	Estimated lots* to be created over 5 year estimates period
Regional Development (including land for residential, commercial, tourism/hotel, light industrial purposes)	1,011
Metropolitan (includes land for residential, apartment sites, commercial/retail sites)	4,450
Industry and Infrastructure (includes General and Strategic Industrial land)	254
Government Services (residential)	2
Total	5,717

\*Note: Estimated lots will vary subject to planning and other approvals. A single lot may yield numerous dwellings.

4.LandCorp does not provide returns to government at a project level. LandCorp's financial returns to the State Government include dividends, income tax expense equivalents (under the National Tax Equivalents Regime), local government rate equivalents (LGRE), land tax, stamp duty and state taxes. Total payments to the State Government for the five year period (2016/17 to 2020/21) are estimated to exceed \$589 million.

5.Completion dates for every project will be subject to market demand and will vary considerably. Smaller, metropolitan infill projects in areas of high demand will be completed within five years, whereas some strategic industrial projects have an estimated lifespan of more than 50 years.

## LANDS — LAND SALES PROGRAM — BUNTINE, LAVERTON AND OLD PERTH GIRLS SCHOOL

**5226. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the Government's Land Sales Program and ask:

- (a) for what reason was the sale of land at 2 Douglas Street, Buntine put on hold, and who made the decision to do so;
- (b) for what reason was the sale of land at 13 Cox Street, Laverton put on hold, and who made the decision to do so; and
- (c) for what reason was the sale of the Old Perth Girls School site put on hold, and who made the decision to do so?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) 2 Douglas Street, Buntine is the Buntine Primary School. The sale of this site was put on hold by the Department of Lands (DoL) at the request of the Minister for Lands pending further investigation
- (b) 13 Cox Street, Laverton is a Crown Land Reserve with management order to Gold Corporation. The sale of this land has been put on hold by joint decision by DoL and the Gold Corporation due to existing tenure and contamination issues that require resolution prior to being offered for sale
- (c) The Old Perth Girls School is currently being prepared for sale and will be put to the market shortly

## LANDS — LAND SALES PROGRAM — WONGAN HILLS AND JERRAMUNGUP

**5227. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the Government's Land Sales Program and ask:

- (a) for what reason was the land at 9591 Northam-Pithara Road, Wongan Hills removed from sale, and who made the decision to do so; and
- (b) for what reason was the land at 1 Mason Street, Jerramungup removed from sale, and who made the decision to do so?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The land at 9591 Northam-Pithara Road, Wongan Hills, is a Crown reserve under management order to the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA). The Department of Lands (DoL) and DAFWA are currently discussing the operational requirements for the site before a decision is made on the sale
- (b) The land at 1 Mason Street, Jerramungup is a Crown land reserve under management order to DAFWA. DoL and DAFWA are currently discussing the site's contamination before a decision is made on the site

## LANDS — WHITE GUM VALLEY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

**5228. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the White Gum Valley residential development at White Gum Valley and ask:

- (a) how many developers or builders made a submission under the request for proposal process for the year ending in September 2015;
- (b) what is the current status of Lot 1, and Lot 11; and
- (c) how many residential lots have sold to date, how many are under offer, and how does this sales activity compare with Landcorp estimates?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) LandCorp received five submissions in response to the Request for Proposal that closed on 22 September 2015.
- (b) Lot 1 and Lot 11 are under separate contracts of sale with both lots due to settle in May 2016.
- (c) To date five single residential lots and one apartment site have settled, and a further six single residential lots are under contract. The sales take up rate is steady, reflecting current market conditions.

## TREASURY AND FINANCE — REVENUE WRITE-DOWN

**5229. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Treasurer:**

In relation to your comments in the Parliament on 24 February 2016 that the Western Australian Government has suffered a \$17 billion write-down in revenue, will you please outline the details, by year and revenue source, this \$17 billion write-down?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (1) The 2014-15 Mid-year Review (released on 22 December 2014 and subsequently tabled in the Legislative Assembly) provided details of a \$5.5 billion revision to the revenue outlook (excluding revenue measures) that emerged following finalisation of the 2014-15 Budget – see table on page 13 of that publication and explanatory text on pages 14-19.

Budget Paper No. 3: Economic and Fiscal Outlook for the 2015-16 Budget (presented to the Legislative Assembly on 14 May 2015) provided details of a \$4.7 billion revision to the revenue outlook between the 2014-15 Mid-year Review and the 2015-16 Budget (excluding revenue measures) – see table on page 40 of that publication, summary text on pages 43-44, and expansive detail on the revenue outlook in Chapter 4: General Government Revenue (pages 87-120).

The 2015-16 Mid-year Review (released on 21 December 2015 and subsequently tabled in the Legislative Assembly) provided details of a \$6.9 billion revision to the revenue outlook (excluding revenue measures) that emerged following finalisation of the 2015-16 Budget – see table on page 11 of that publication and explanatory text on pages 12-17.

In aggregate and in round terms, these revisions total \$17 billion.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS — MARKET AND CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

**5230. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

Has the Department of Lands conducted any market or customer feedback research from 1 January 2015 to date, and if so:

- (a) what was the nature of the research;
- (b) when was the research conducted and by whom;
- (c) what was cost of the research; and
- (d) will the Minister table a copy of the results and recommendations, and if not, why not?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The 'Effectiveness' Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for the Department of Lands is the percentage of customers satisfied that the management and use of Crown land is supporting the State's economic, social and cultural objectives
- (b) The research was completed in August 2015 and was conducted by Advantage Communications – Research
- (c) The cost of the research was \$6,215 (including GST)
- (d) [See tabled paper no 4128.]

LANDS — WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LAND AUTHORITY ACT 1992 — REVIEW

**5233. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the *Western Australian Land Authority Act 1992* and ask:

- (a) has the Minister carried out a review into the *Western Australian Land Authority Act 1992* as required by section 48 of the Act, and if not, why not;
- (b) if so, who conducted the review and when was it carried out;
- (c) when did the Minister receive the review, and; and
- (d) has the Minister prepared a report into the review and caused it to be laid before each House as required under the Act, and if not why not?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) RH Property conducted the review in 2015.
- (c) Mid-2015.
- (d) The Report has been finalised and will be tabled in each House in May 2016.

LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — 233 JAMES STREET, NORTHBRIDGE

**5234. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the recent sale of 233 James Street in Northbridge and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation;
- (d) what agency previously held this land, for how long and for what purpose;
- (e) what was the sale price of the property and how have the proceeds been allocated; and
- (f) who purchased this property?



**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 233 James Street in Northbridge was handled by the Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power) and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation for the site
- (b) Please refer this question to the Minister for Energy.
- (c) Please refer this question to the Minister for Energy.
- (d) This information is publicly available at Landgate.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — 49 ARLUNYA AVENUE, BELMONT

**5235. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the recent sale of 49 Arlunya Avenue in Belmont and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation;
- (d) what agency previously held this land, for how long and for what purpose; and
- (e) what was the sale price of the property and how have the proceeds been allocated?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 49 Arlunya Avenue in Belmont was managed by Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power) and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation for this site.
- (b) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.
- (c) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.
- (d) The Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power).
- (e) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — 49 WILLIAM STREET, HERNE HILL

**5236. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the recent sale of 49 William Street in Herne Hill and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation;
- (d) what agency previously held this land, for how long and for what purpose; and
- (e) what was the sale price of the property and how have the proceeds been allocated?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 49 William Street, Herne Hill, has been managed by the Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power) and as such the Department of Lands has not requested a valuation for the site.
- (b) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.
- (c) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.
- (d) The Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power).
- (e) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — 10 MIDGELY STREET, LATHLAIN

**5237. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the recent sale of 10 Midgely Street in Lathlain and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation;
- (d) what agency previously held this land, for how long and for what purpose; and
- (e) what was the sale price of the property and how have the proceeds been allocated?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 10 Midgely Street in Lathlain was managed by the Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power) and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation for this site
- (b) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.
- (c) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.
- (d) The Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power).
- (e) Please refer the question to the Minister for Energy.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — 37 MOSS STREET, EAST FREMANTLE

**5238. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the recent sale of 37 Moss Street in East Fremantle and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation;
- (d) what agency previously held this land, for how long and for what purpose; and
- (e) what was the sale price of the property and how have the proceeds been allocated?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 37 Moss Street in East Fremantle was handled by the Minister for Health and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation for the site.
- (b)–(e) Please refer the question to the Minister for Health.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — LOVETT DRIVE AND HAWTIN ROAD, FORRESTFIELD

**5239. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the sale of various lots on Lovett Drive and Hawtin Road in Forrestfield and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation; and
- (d) who purchased this property?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 302, 308 and 320 Hawtin Road, Forrestfield and land shown as Lot 9502 on Deposited Plan 400892, was managed by the Electricity Networks Corporation (Western Power) and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation for the site.
- (b) Please refer this question to the Minister for Energy.
- (c) Please refer this question to the Minister for Energy.
- (d) This information is publicly available at Landgate.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — 57 DUFF STREET, MERREDIN

**5240. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the sale of 57 Duff Street in Merredin and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation; and
- (d) who purchased this property?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 57 Duff Street, Merredin was managed by the WA Country Health Service and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation for the site.
- (b) Please refer to the Minister for Health.
- (c) Please refer to the Minister for Health.
- (d) This information is publicly available at Landgate.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — LOT 1015 PECHEY ROAD, SWAN VIEW

**5241. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the sale of Lot 1015 Pechey Road in Swan View and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation; and
- (d) who purchased this property?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for 1015 Pechey Road in Swan View was managed by the Water Corporation and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation over the site.
- (b) Please refer to the Minister for Water.
- (c) Please refer to the Minister for Water.
- (d) This information is publicly available at Landgate.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — FORMER POTATO MARKETING CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS, NORTH COOGEE

**5242. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the sale of the former Potato Marketing Corporation Headquarters in North Coogee and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation; and
- (d) who purchased this property?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The Department of Lands has obtained three valuations since 2010 over this site
- (b)
  - (1) Valuation conducted on 20 June 2014 and the estimated value was \$4,500,000.
  - (2) Valuation conducted on 1 August 2014 and the estimated value was \$4,400,000.
  - (3) Valuation conducted on 19 June 2015 and the estimated value was \$4,400,000 under the Margin Scheme.
- (c) The valuations were conducted by the Office of the Valuer General at the Western Australian Land Information Authority (Landgate).
- (d) The property was purchased by the Western Australian Land Authority (LandCorp).

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — LOT 500 SHAW ROAD, WANNEROO

**5243. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the sale of Lot 500, Shaw Road, Wanneroo and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation; and
- (d) who purchased this property?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The Department of Lands requested one valuation over this site which was conducted on 12 March 2014.
- (b) The estimated value was \$3,700,000.
- (c) The valuation was conducted by the Office of the Valuer General at the Western Australian Land Information Authority (Landgate).
- (d) The property was purchased by the Housing Authority.

## LANDS — PROPERTY SALE — KALEEYA HOUSE, EAST FREMANTLE

**5244. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the sale of the Kaleeya House site in East Fremantle and ask:

- (a) since 2010, how many valuations had been conducted for this site, and on what dates;
- (b) what was the estimated value on each occasion;
- (c) who conducted each valuation; and
- (d) who purchased this property?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) The disposal process for Kaleeya House site in East Fremantle was handled by the Minister for Health and as such the Department of Lands did not request a valuation for this site.
- (b) Please refer this question to the Minister for Health.
- (c) Please refer this question to the Minister for Health.
- (d) This information is publicly available at Landgate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD —  
PROPOSED WATTLE GROVE TRANSFER — INQUIRY**5246. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:**

I refer to the Local Government Advisory Board's Inquiry into a Proposal to transfer part of Wattle Grove from the Shire of Kalamunda to the City of Gosnells, and ask:

- (a) why was a Wattle Grove Inquiry launched by the Department of Local Government and Communities, advertised asking for submissions, when the Proposal itself was not available to interested parties until mid-February;
- (b) how will the Local Government Advisory Board deal with any submissions from parties who did not have access to the proponents' proposal;
- (c) was the original Proposal (Nov 2015) that was the basis of the Board's 9 December 2015 decision to formally inquire withdrawn? and if so, when;
- (d) when did the Local Government Advisory Board receive the amended Proposal; and
- (e) is the Local Government Advisory Board and the Department of Local Government and Communities satisfied that the amended Proposal sets out the reasons for making such a Proposal, given that common sense would suggest that in fact the Proposal is part of a suite of actions to ensure that the proposed aged-care facility is not built on Gavour Road in Wattle Grove?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

- (a) The Wattle Grove Inquiry was initiated by the Local Government Advisory Board. An Information Paper was made available on the Inquiry's webpage on 21 January 2016 for the start of the Inquiry period. There is no requirement under Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* to make the proposal public; however, the Board did make the supporting statement to the proposal available to interested parties via its webpage on 11 February 2016.
- (b) The Local Government Advisory Board is not aware of any parties who did not have access to the proponents' proposal.
- (c) The original proposal was not withdrawn. A revised version of the supporting statement to the proposal was provided by the proponents on 1 February 2016. The intent and detail of the original proposal was not altered by this process.
- (d) The revised version of the supporting statement to the proposal was received on 1 February 2016.
- (e) The Local Government Advisory Board is satisfied that the amended supporting statement to the proposal sets out the reasons for making such a proposal, as it met all requirements as noted in the *Local Government Act 1995*, Schedule 2.1, clause 2(1)(d) and 2(2).

## CORRECTIVE SERVICES — PRISONER INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

**5250. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

For the calendar years 2014 and 2015:

- (a) how many prisoners serving a sentence of 12 months or less were eligible for an intervention program (please list for each type of program delivered by the Department of Corrective Services); and
- (b) for each program, how many prisoners (serving 12 months or less), did not receive the program for which they were eligible?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

[See tabled paper no 4131.]

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, INTERVENTIONS  
AND PRISONER SERVICES

**5251. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

For the calendar years 2014 and 2015:

- (a) what total amount was spent on provision of mental health programs, interventions and services to prisoners by the Department of Corrective Services; and
- (b) for each calendar year above, what total amount was spent on provision of mental health programs, interventions and services by the Department of Corrective Services as part of Community Corrections?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Corrective Services (the Department) advises:

The Department reports its expenditure data in financial years.

- (a) 2013-14 - \$7 093 422  
2014-15 - \$7 396 675

The total amount that was spent on the provision of mental health services to prisoners by the Department includes the cost of alcohol and other drug services as drug dependence is considered a diagnosable mental health condition. Alcohol and other drug programs of a criminogenic nature have been excluded.

- (b) Nil.

ENVIRONMENT — COCKBURN SOUND — DISCHARGE

**5252. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment:**

In relation to Cockburn Sound:

- (a) how many licensed premises continue to discharge into the Sound, and please list their names;
- (b) what are their authorised discharges;
- (c) how many unauthorised discharges are known to have occurred in Cockburn Sound since 2008; and
- (d) in each case outlined in :
  - (i) what was the premise; volume; composition and nature of the discharge; and
  - (ii) what action, including prosecution, was taken?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (a) Four licensed premises discharge cooling water into Cockburn Sound:

BP Refinery Kwinana;

Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation Kwinana Power Station;

Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation Cockburn Power Station No. 1; and

Newgen Power Kwinana.

Two licensed premises routinely discharge process waste water into Cockburn Sound:

Water Corporation, Perth Seawater Desalination Plant; and

Tronox (Tiwest) Pigment Plant.

Two licensed premises are authorised to discharge process wastewater to Cockburn Sound but generally discharge via the Sepia Depression Deep Ocean Outfall (SDOOL) and will only discharge to Cockburn Sound in an emergency when discharge to the SDOOL is not possible:

BP Refinery Kwinana; and

CSBP fertilizer plant.

- (b) Authorised cooling water discharges are seawater that has been taken from the sound and returned to the sound. Licenses have limits on temperature and free chlorine which may have been added as an antifouling agent.

The Perth Seawater Desalination Plant is authorised to discharge desalination effluent including brine. Ministerial Statement Nos. 626, 655 and 832 apply to the plant. Ministerial Statement No. 832 includes conditions that require the development and implementation of a marine monitoring plan and management response to declines in dissolved oxygen in the bottom waters of Cockburn Sound.

Tronox is authorised to discharge treated process wastewaters with licence limits on suspended solids, pH and manganese. Ministerial Statement No. 452 applies to the plant, which includes conditions (proponent's environmental management commitments) relating to the management and monitoring of wastewater discharge to Cockburn Sound.

BP Refinery Kwinana is authorised to discharge treated process wastewater with limits on hydrocarbons nutrients and selected metals. Ministerial Statement No. 161 applies to the plant but does not include any specific conditions relating to wastewater discharge to Cockburn Sound.

CSBP is authorised to discharge treated process wastewater with limits on nutrients, cyanide and selected metals. Ministerial Statement Nos. 34 and 875 apply to the plant. Ministerial Statement No. 34 includes conditions that relate to discharges of wastewater to Cockburn Sound (monitoring program and reporting arrangements).

- (c) 11.
- (d) (1) (i) 19 October 2008 – BP Refinery jetty pipeline – estimated 600–800 litres – leak of fire-fighting foam.  
(ii) Investigated – infringement issued for \$500.
- (2) (i) 12 September 2009 – Kwinana Power Station – estimated leak of 220 litres oil.  
(ii) Investigated – letter of warning issued.
- (3) (i) 27 June 2011 – Alcoa Jetty Kwinana – discharge of unknown volume of fluid from vessel.  
(ii) Investigated – referred to Fremantle Port Authority.
- (4) (i) 22 July 2011 – Kwinana Power Station – emission to air of ash.  
(ii) Investigated – caused by equipment failure. No further action.
- (5) (i) 14 June 2012 – Alcoa Kwinana Jetty – leak of an estimated 80 litres of hydraulic oil.  
(ii) Investigated – equipment failure. No further action.
- (6) (i) 31 December 2012 – Kwinana Power Station – discharge of an estimated 100 litres of ash contaminated water.  
(ii) Cause undetermined. No further action.
- (7) (i) 3 March 2013 – Kwinana Power Station – discharge of an estimated 1000 litres of ash contaminated water.  
(ii) Cause undetermined. No further action.
- (8) (i) 22 November 2013 – Coogee Chemicals Kwinana – leak of an unknown quantity of diesel fuel.  
(ii) Investigated – pipeline equipment failure. Environmental Field Notice issued.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY — FREE PUBLIC WI-FI ACCESS

#### 5254. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to Public Transport Authority (PTA) tender PTA2015050 in relation to Free Public Wi-Fi Access on WA Public Transport, and ask:

- (a) how many submissions as part of the “market consultation” were received by the PTA;
- (b) what is the current status of the “market consultation” process;
- (c) what was the outcome of the Wi-Fi trial involving “trains and buses travelling through a wide range of suburbs plus the central Perth train stations and bus ports” as outlined in the Minister’s 12 July 2015 media statement; and
- (d) what are the specific timeframes involved in the Minister’s stated plan to introduce free Wi-Fi throughout Perth’s public transport network?

#### Mr D.C. Nalder replied:

As at 16 March 2016, it should be noted that “PTA2015050” was not a PTA Tender, it was a market consultation using an Expression of Interest template.

- (a) Six.
- (b) The market consultation process has concluded.
- (c) The trial has not yet commenced.
- (d) The PTA will go to market to find a suitable supplier and the timeframe for the introduction of free Wi-Fi services throughout Perth’s public transport network will depend on the chosen supplier’s capacity.

TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT —  
CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY — BULLYING

**5255. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

- (1) How many cases of bullying/bossing at Central Institute of Technology Perth Campus have been reported:
  - (a) 2011–2012;
  - (b) 2012–2013;
  - (c) 2013–2014;
  - (d) 2014–2015; and
  - (e) 2015–2016?
- (2) For each of the years mentioned in 1 (a)–(e) how many reports of bullying relates to events in:
  - (a) administration; and
  - (b) other areas?
- (3) What is the process at Central Institute of Technology for an employee that perceives they are the victim of bullying?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

The term ‘bossing’ is not mentioned or defined in any legislation related to bullying, nor does it appear anywhere in the PSC’s guide for agencies on the Prevention of Workplace Bullying in the WA Public Sector.

- (1) (a)–(e) Nil.
- (2) (a)–(b) Not applicable.
- (3) Central has a Grievance Policy and the ‘Solve it’ Procedure to manage bullying claims. Should a claim for bullying be substantiated it is then managed under the Institute’s Discipline Policy.

ELIZABETH QUAY — VISITORS

**5256. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the Premier’s media statement on 19 February 2016 regarding the 800,000 visitors to Elizabeth Quay in the first three weeks, and ask:

- (a) how many visitors have been to the Quay to date;
- (b) how are these numbers calculated; and
- (c) does this include children and if not, how are the number of children calculated?

**Mr J. Norberger replied:**

- (a) 1.68 million visitors.
- (b) Please refer to LC QWN 215 asked by Hon Martin Pritchard to Hon Helen Morton, representing the Minister for Planning.
- (c) Yes.

RAIL LINES — NARROWS BRIDGE TO CANNING BRIDGE RAIL CORRIDOR WIDTH

**5257. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Mandurah rail line between the Narrows Bridge and Canning Highway, and ask, what is the width of the rail corridor in its widest and narrowest section?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

The width of the widest section is 33.62 metres and the narrowest section is 11.13 metres.

RAIL LINES — LEVEL CROSSINGS

**5258. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Minister’s comments on 17 September 2015 regarding the 31 level crossings and that “work has been undertaken to prioritise work on them based on incidents and other factors” and ask:

- (a) what work has been undertaken to prioritise them; and
- (b) what is the list of removal according to that priority work?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

As at 17 March 2016:

- (a) The Public Transport Authority (PTA) has undertaken a prioritisation assessment of the 31 level crossings on the passenger rail network in accordance with the PTA's Level Crossing Policy and Main Roads Western Australia (WA) Railway Crossing Control in WA. Consideration has also been given to the impact of service changes associated with forthcoming projects such as the Forrestfield – Airport Link and future Thornlie line extension on existing crossings.
- (b) The top 12 crossings identified for removal through closures or grade separations are as follows:
  - (1) Moore St;
  - (2) Caledonian Ave;
  - (3) Welshpool Rd;
  - (4) Hamilton St ;
  - (5) William St;
  - (6) Wharf St;
  - (7) Oats St;
  - (8) Mint St;
  - (9) Jarrad St;
  - (10) Salvado St;
  - (11) Victoria St; and
  - (12) Armadale Rd.

The above is not a definitive list and further work on conceptual designs, costings and consultation with stakeholders may result in changes to priority. There are no crossings on the passenger network currently committed for closure or grade separation.

FORESTRY — NATIONAL BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM — WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TRIALS

**5259. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the availability of grants from the National Bushfire Mitigation program for the trials of mechanical fuel load reduction and ask:

- (a) are you aware or do you anticipate any such trials will be undertaken in Western Australia under this, or any other program. If yes please provide details; and
- (b) if there is no firm proposal, what areas would be regarded as optimal for testing such fuel load mitigation?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

- (a) An Expression of Interest (EOI) is being led by the Australian Forest Operations Research Alliance, which includes a consortium of Western Australian participants, including the Forest Products Commission.
- (b) Not applicable.

EMERGENCY SERVICES — NATIONAL BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM —  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TRIALS

**5260. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the availability of grants from the National Bushfire Mitigation program for the trials of mechanical fuel load reduction and ask:

- (a) are you aware, or do you anticipate any such trials will be undertaken in Western Australia, under this or any other program. If yes, please provide details; and
- (b) if there is no firm proposal, what areas would be regarded as optimal for testing such fuel load mitigation?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

- (a)–(b) I would invite the Member to address this question to the Minister for Environment as the Department of Parks and Wildlife is the lead agency in mitigation in Western Australia.



FEDERATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLICE AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTRES —  
SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON AND KALBARRI COMMUNITY FUNDS

**5261. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the close partnership between the WA Police and the Federation of Western Australian (WA) Police and Community Youth Centres (PCYC), and ask whether the Minister will be reconsidering the partnership given:

- (a) the breakdown of the relationship between the Federation of WA PCYC (Federation) and the Shire of Northampton (Shire), due to the Federation's lack of co-operation with the Shire and the local Kalbarri community, as evidenced by:
  - (i) the Federation's centralising of decision making and the abolition of local management committee's;
  - (ii) the Shire of Northampton's early termination of the lease with the Federation due to the lack of consultation, and trust between the parties; and
  - (iii) the Federation not returning the funds raised by the local Kalbarri community for the facilities, after the lease was terminated; and
- (b) if not, will the Minister for Police be requesting an explanation from the Federation of Western Australian (WA) Police and Community Youth Centres (PCYC) in respect to why it did not return the money raised by the local Kalbarri community given the commitment by the local community to the facilities through volunteer work and fundraising efforts since the 1970s.?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (a) No.
- (b) This is a matter between the Shire of Northampton and the Federation of Western Australian Police and Community Youth Centres (Inc).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — RATE REBATE CAP

**5262. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:**

I refer to the Minister's Statement in estimates on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 concerning the cap on the local government rates for eligible seniors and ask:

- (a) when will the Office of State Revenue announce the amount of the Rate Rebate Cap;
- (b) is the Minister aware that some councils have taken it upon themselves and at significant cost to themselves to notify affected ratepayers that a cap of \$550 rebate will be applied to their rates for 2016/2017;
- (c) what measures is the Minister putting in place through the Department of Local Government and Communities or any other State Government Agency to advise affected rate payers of the cap on their pensioner rebate applied to their local government rates; and
- (d) if none or nothing to the answer above then:
  - (i) does the Minister expect each Local Government Authority to fund the dissemination of the Rate Rebate Cap information to its affected rate payers; and
  - (ii) if no to (i), will the Minister provide Local Government Authorities with explanatory information which they can include within rate notices as they are posted to rate payers similar to the information brochures provided explaining the Emergency Services Levy Charges implementation?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

- (a) This is a question for the Minister for Finance.
- (b) Yes. This is a decision made by each local government.
- (c) Communicating with local governments on this issue is being managed by the Office of State Revenue.
- (d)
  - (i) What local governments communicate to their ratepayers is a decision for each individual local government to make.
  - (ii) The provision of explanatory information is being handled by the Office of State Revenue.

## TREASURER — GOVERNMENT-OWNED LAND — 2015–2016 STATE BUDGET

**5264. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer:**

I refer to the current 2015/16 State Budget and I ask:

- (a) does the current 2015/16 budget assume revenue from the sale of Government-owned land;
- (b) if yes to (a), how much revenue is assumed from the sale of Government owned land;
- (c) is the assumed revenue referred to in (a) based on specific parcels of land to be sold, and If so, which land is specifically identified to be sold;
- (d) does the current 2015/16 Budget assume revenue from the sale of Government land in each of the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19;
- (e) if yes to (d), how much revenue is assumed from the sale of Government owned land in each financial year; and
- (f) is the assumed revenue referred to in (d) based on specific parcels of land to be sold, and If so, which land is specifically identified to be sold in each financial year?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) \$141.5 million.
- (c) Yes. [See tabled paper no 4126.]
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Proposed sales targets:

LASP Sales Targets	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	Total
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Total Proposed Sales	141,495	107,522	99,377	112,806	461,200

- (f) Over 400 land assets are currently in the early stages of the divestment pipeline (identification/assessment) although the timing of the sale of the specific parcels of land remains to be determined.

## TRANSPORT — LICENCE PLATE REPLACEMENT

**5265. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Transport:**

Can the Minister explain the rationale for replacing two vehicle licence plates when only one replacement is required due to damage, and what is the cost of production for one (1) license plate?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Sub Regulation 116(1) *Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014* requires that where a number plate issued to a vehicle becomes dilapidated or is damaged so as to render it illegible both plates issued to the vehicle must be returned.

There is currently no prescribed fee for the production of a single licence plate where two number plates are required for a vehicle.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — STAFF

**5267. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

- (1) How many full time equivalent staff were employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food in each of the nine regions and in the metropolitan region as at:
  - (a) March 17, 2013;
  - (b) March 17, 2014;
  - (c) March 17, 2015; and
  - (d) March 17, 2016?
- (2) How many full time equivalent staff were employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food in biosecurity roles in each of the nine regions and in the metropolitan region as at:
  - (a) March 17, 2013;
  - (b) March 17, 2014;
  - (c) March 17, 2015; and
  - (d) March 17, 2016?

- (3) How many full time equivalent staff were employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food in research and development roles in each of the nine regions and in the metropolitan region as at:
- (a) March 17, 2013;
  - (b) March 17, 2014;
  - (c) March 17, 2015; and
  - (d) March 17, 2016?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (1) Full time equivalent staff employed by DAFWA

State govt. regions	17 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2014	17 Mar 2015	17 Mar 2016
Gascoyne	7.5	8.6	9.7	10.0
Goldfields–Esperance	42.7	37.8	38.7	39.7
Great Southern	109.3	103.2	90.5	83.5
Kimberley	50.6	45.4	43.1	45.8
Midwest	45.6	45.6	37.6	33.6
Peel	10.8	11.9	10.2	6.2
Pilbara	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
South West	100.0	85.6	88.7	85.4
Wheatbelt	119.7	114.8	117.0	108.4
Metropolitan	681.3	659.8	624.1	547.8

- (2) Full time equivalent staff employed by DAFWA in biosecurity roles

State govt. regions	17 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2014	17 Mar 2015	17 Mar 2016
Gascoyne	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
Goldfields–Esperance	16.0	14.4	13.4	12.4
Great Southern	10.0	8.6	9.0	7.0
Kimberley	13.0	12.8	13.0	15.0
Midwest	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
Peel	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Pilbara	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
South West	7.0	7.0	8.0	10.0
Wheatbelt	18.0	16.0	14.0	17.0
Metropolitan	39.2	39.5	40.4	41.8

- (3) Full time equivalent staff employed by DAFWA in research and development roles

State govt. regions	17 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2014	17 Mar 2015	17 Mar 2016
Gascoyne	1.5	1.8	3.8	2.4
Goldfields–Esperance	18.3	17.2	18.3	19.3
Great Southern	77.9	73.3	66.0	63.6
Kimberley	15.6	13.3	11.8	11.8
Midwest	27.8	28.8	23.9	22.9
Peel	7.2	6.2	6.5	3.5
Pilbara	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
South West	58.8	50.5	49.5	43.1
Wheatbelt	71.8	69.4	70.6	63.2
Metropolitan	302.5	273.7	261.8	224.2

## TRANSPORT — REX AIRLINE

**5269. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to your statement in the Parliament on 17 March 2016 that REX has been voted the best regional airline in the world and I ask:

- (a) who voted that REX is the best regional airline in the world; and
- (b) in what years was REX voted the best regional airline in the world?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Rex was ranked by the *Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine* as the Top Performing Regional Airline in the world for six consecutive years from 2009 to 2014. The rankings were based on four areas – financial health, earnings performance, capital efficiency and business model performance.

Rex was also voted the Best Regional Airline in the *Australian Traveller People's Choice Awards* in 2011, 2013 and 2014.

## ENERGY — MUJA POWER STATION — STAFF

**5270. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Energy:**

- (1) How many total staff in the following categories were employed at Muja Power Station listed separately for each year between 2013 and 2016 as at 17 March:
  - (a) trades foremen;
  - (b) tradespeople;
  - (c) senior management; and
  - (d) all other managerial positions, including middle-management?
- (2) How many staff in the following categories were employed at Muja Power Station through the use of 457 visas listed separately for each year between 2013 and 2016 as at 17 March:
  - (a) trades foremen;
  - (b) tradespeople;
  - (c) senior management; and
  - (d) all other managerial positions, including middle-management?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (1) (a) trades foremen

2013	4
2014	6
2015	8
As at 17 March 2016	8

- (b) trades people

2013	95
2014	93
2015	91
As at 17 March 2016	93

- (c) senior management

2013	1
2014	1
2015	1
As at 17 March 2016	1

- (d) all other managerial positions, including middle-management

2013	3
2014	7
2015	8
As at 17 March 2016	8

## (2) (a) trades foremen

2013	0
2014	1
2015	1
As at 17 March 2016	0

## (b) trades people

2013	0
2014	0
2015	0
As at 17 March 2016	0

## (c) senior management

2013	0
2014	1
2015	1
As at 17 March 2016	1

## (d) all other managerial positions, including middle-management

2013	0
2014	2
2015	2
As at 17 March 2016	2

## PLANNING — LOT 4425 NORTH LAKE ROAD KARDINYA — SITE ACCESS

**5271. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to advice provided to the City of Melville by the Department of Planning regarding a proposed development on Lot 4425 North Lake Road Kardinya and ask:

- (a) for what reason did the department not allow access to the site from North Lake Road, and what site-specific evidence was this decision based on;
- (b) did the department take into consideration the impact the decision would have on the neighbouring local roads and residents, and if not, why not;
- (c) did the department commission, produce or receive any reports regarding the impact of this decision, and if so, what were they, and will the Minister table them;
- (d) can the Minister clarify the status of North Lake Road at this location, in relation to the regional roads hierarchy, and who has control over its care and maintenance;
- (e) can the Minister table any traffic volume and crash data from the intersection of North Lake Road and Winterfold Road over the past five years;
- (f) is the Minister aware of any planned intersection upgrades at North Lake Road and Winterfold Road;
- (g) will the Minister ask the department to meet with local residents, the developer and the City of Melville regarding this development with a view to working out a safer way for traffic to enter and exit the site, and if not, why not; and
- (h) was the City of Melville required to consult any existing local residents regarding this proposed development, especially regarding traffic impacts, and if not, why not?

**Mr J. Norberger replied:**

I assume this question relates to the application for proposed development on Lot 4225 Buckingham Crescent, not 4425.

- (a)–(d) The application for 107 dwelling units on Lot 4225 Buckingham Crescent, North Lake was approved by the Metro Central Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) in February 2016.

The proposed development was required to be referred to the Department of Planning for advice as it was for land abutting a regional road. North Lake Road at this location is classified as ‘Other Regional Road’ under the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

In providing advice the Department of Planning considered the Western Australian Planning Commission’s Development Control Policy DC5.1, which establishes the parameters for considering access to or from development abutting regional roads. The policy seeks to prevent access where it will have a negative impact on traffic flow and road safety on the regional road, particularly where alternative access is available.

I am advised that Buckingham Crescent and the local road system are designed to cater for the anticipated increase in traffic. The Department of Planning received two Traffic Impact Assessments. The assessed impact was examined by the Department and was deemed to be acceptable.

- (e)–(f) Parts (e) and (f) of this question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.  
 (g) Please refer to response to parts (a)–(d).  
 (h) The City of Melville’s Local Planning Scheme did not require the application to be advertised.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES — STAFF

**5272. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Fisheries:**

- (1) As at 1 January 2014, 1 January 2015 and 1 January 2016 how many staff were employed by the Department of Fisheries in terms of:  
 (a) head-count; and  
 (b) full-time equivalent (FTE)?  
 (2) Of these staff, how many are or were employed in a research role, both in terms of head-count and FTE?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

- (1) I am advised by the Department of Fisheries (the Department), the below number of staff were employed by the Department:

	1 January 2014	1 January 2015	1 January 2016
(a) Head Count	532	534	529
(b) Full-Time Equivalent	495.74	488.02	475.75

- (2) Of those employees illustrated in question one, I am advised by the Department that the below employees were employed in a research role:

	1 January 2014	1 January 2015	1 January 2016
(c) Head Count	143	156	147
(d) Full-Time Equivalent	133.84	142.40	129.22

*Note 1: Data sourced from HRMOIR as at 19 December 2013, 18 December 2014, and 31 December 2015, respectively.*

*Note 2: Employees employed in a research role are assumed to come from our Fisheries Research Division and undertake research activities as a majority of their role. Business and Librarian roles are therefore excluded.*

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES — WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS

**5273. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Fisheries:**

Have any employees of the Department of Fisheries made any workers’ compensation claims for workplace accidents in the calendar years 2014 and 2015, and if yes how many for each year?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

**The Department of Fisheries advises:**

Yes. There were 13 claims in 2014 and 11 claims in 2015.

## FISHERIES — COMMERCIAL FISHERS — PROSECUTIONS

**5274. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Fisheries:**

- (1) How many prosecutions have been brought against commercial fishers due to violations of the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* during for each month of the calendar years 2014 and 2015?
- (2) How many of the prosecutions outlined in (1) were successful?
- (3) What were the offences and penalties for prosecutions successfully brought against commercial fishers in (1)?
- (4) How many prosecutions have been brought against recreational fishers due to violations of the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* for each month during calendar years 2014 and 2015?
- (5) How many of those prosecutions outlined in (4) were successful?
- (6) What were the offences and penalties for prosecutions successfully brought against recreational fishers outlined in (4)?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fisheries advises:

- (1)–(6) [See tabled paper no 4132.]

## FISHERIES — RECREATIONAL BOAT SAFETY CHECKS

**5275. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Fisheries:**

For each month between July 2014 and February 2016 (inclusive) how many recreational boat safety checks were made by the Fisheries and Marine Officers in each of the following regions:

- (a) Metropolitan area;
- (b) South West;
- (c) Peel;
- (d) Great Southern;
- (e) Wheatbelt;
- (f) Mid-West;
- (g) Gasgoyne;
- (h) Pilbara; and
- (i) Kimberley?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fisheries advises:

- (a)–(i) [See tabled paper no 4133.]

FISHERIES — WESTERN SCHOOL PRAWNS RESTOCKING PROGRAM —  
SWAN AND CANNING RIVERS**5276. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Fisheries:**

I refer to the the release of Western School Prawns into the Swan and Canning Rivers as part of a restocking program and ask:

- (a) how many prawns have survived; and
- (b) is there a measurable increase in the school prawn population in the Swan and Canning Rivers?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fisheries advises:

- (a)–(b) This Recreational Fishing Initiatives Fund project is a collaboration between Challenger Institute of Technology, the Swan River Trust, Recfishwest, the WA Fish Foundation and Murdoch University. Murdoch University is undertaking monitoring of the prawns, the results of which are yet to be compiled. There are early indications of an increase in prawn numbers, an increase in recreational fishing for school prawns and an increase in catch rates.

## FISHERIES — WHALE ENTANGLEMENTS FROM COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

**5277. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Fisheries:**

How many whale entanglements have been reported from commercial fisheries for each month between January 2015 and December 2015?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fisheries advises:

Between January 2015 and December 2015, there have been 9 confirmed whale entanglements, of which 3 were confirmed with commercial fishing gear.

I table the attached information. [See tabled paper no 4134.]

WATER CORPORATION — AVERAGE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS —  
METROPOLITAN AREA**5278. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

What was the average monthly residential water bill for the Metropolitan area for the following quarters:

- (a) January–March 2015;
- (b) April–June 2015;
- (c) July–September 2015; and
- (d) October–December 2015?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

Average monthly metropolitan residential water use and proportion of standard water service charge (billed every two months) for each quarter is as follows:

- (a) \$67.81
- (b) \$52.97
- (c) \$41.63
- (d) \$54.10

This excludes costs – where applicable – for sewerage and drainage which vary from one property to another.

## WATER CORPORATION — INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

**5279. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the interest charged by the Water Corporation on overdue accounts to customers, and ask for each month between January 2015 to February 2016:

- (a) how many customers have been charged interest on overdue accounts;
- (b) what was the rate of interest charged in each month; and
- (c) what was the total interest revenue earned by the Water Corporation on overdue accounts?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

- (a) From 1 January 2015 to 29 February 2016, 436 902 bills have been charged interest on overdue balances.
- (b) The interest rate varies between 0 per cent and 12.38 per cent depending on customer circumstances.
- (c) From 1 January 2015 to 29 February 2016—\$4 647 068.

## WATER CORPORATION — WATER QUALITY FEEDBACK

**5280. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

How many properties have contacted Water Corporation concerning water quality, including discolouration, for each Western Australian Suburb in both of 2014 and 2015?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

The Water Corporation services millions of customers and properties. Frequent contacts are made on a daily basis through calls and emails to the customer centre, hits on the website and through on-the-ground interaction between customers, employees and contractors. Many of the issues raised are resolved immediately and no record of the contact is retained.

If the Member has a more specific question on water quality in a particular location, I would be happy to consider it.



## BUSSELTON WATER CORPORATION — SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

**5281. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

How many Busselton Water Corporation customers had supply restricted due to non-payment in each month from January 2015 to February 2016?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

Month	Number of Customers
Jan-15	5
Feb	0
Mar	0
Apr	0
May	5
Jun	0
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	5
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	0
Jan-16	3
Feb	0

## AQWEST — SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

**5282. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

How many Bunbury Water Corporation customers (Trading as AQWEST) had supply restricted due to non-payment in each month from January 2015 to February 2016?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

Month	Number of Restrictions
January 2015	7
February 2015	1
March 2015	0
April 2015	0
May 2015	0
June 2015	6
July 2015	2
August 2015	0
September 2015	6
October 2015	0
November 2015	0
December 2015	0
January 2016	0
February 2016	17

## WATER CORPORATION — SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

**5283. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

How many Water Corporation customers had supply restricted due to non-payment in each month from January 2015 to February 2016?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

January 2015	179
February 2015	173
March 2015	161
April 2015	79
May 2015	91
June 2015	177
July 2015	164
August 2015	167
September 2015	141
October 2015	127
November 2015	214
December 2015	131
January 2016	167
February 2016	203

**WATER — REBATES AND CONCESSIONS****5285. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

- (1) Can the Minister advise the amounts provided in rebates or concessions in relation to each of the following?
- (2) Pension Concession card holders?
- (3) State Concession card holders?
- (4) Western Australian Seniors card holders; and?
- (5) Commonwealth Seniors Health card holders for each of the following months:
  - (a) January 2015; February 2015; March 2015; April 2015; May 2015; June 2015; July 2015; August 2015; September 2015; October 2015; November 2015; December 2015; January 2016 and February 2016?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

- (1)–(5)(a) [See tabled paper no 4129.]

**WATER — HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANTS SCHEME****5286. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:**

In relation to the Hardship Utilities Grants Scheme (HUGS), and listed for each month from January 2015 to February 2016 (inclusive), what was the number of:

- (a) grant applications;
- (b) approved grants;
- (c) total grant amount; and; and
- (d) average grant value, made in relation to Water Corporation accounts?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

- (a)–(d)

Month/Year	Grant Applications	Approved Grants	Total Grant Amounts	Average Grant value
January 2015	87	84	\$30 096	\$358
February 2015	123	121	\$43 955	\$363
March 2015	152	149	\$50 899	\$342
April 2015	165	159	\$52 084	\$328
May 2015	274	264	\$87 148	\$330

June 2015	166	160	\$55 793	\$349
July 2015	145	139	\$51 477	\$370
August 2015	112	106	\$35 695	\$337
September 2015	84	80	\$28 018	\$350
October 2015	114	108	\$41 324	\$383
November 2015	116	110	\$41 029	\$373
December 2015	118	114	\$40 291	\$353
January 2016	156	156	\$67 760	\$434
February 2016	139	139	\$57 864	\$416

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT — SENIORS RATE REBATE

**5287. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Local Government:**

I refer to the decision to raise the forthcoming cap on the seniors local government rate rebate from \$550 to \$750 and I ask:

- (a) noting that the spending changes were booked for the initial cap level in the 2015–16 budget, what is the increase in spending as a result of this change in each year of the forward estimates; and
- (b) noting that in the 2015–16 Estimates hearing for the Department of Local Government and Communities in Supplementary Information A46, the Department provided the number of seniors affected in each local government area, can the Minister please provide for the revised cap level:
  - (i) the number of seniors who will be up to \$100 worse off in each local government area; and
  - (ii) the number of seniors who will be between \$100 and \$500 worse off in each local government area?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

- (a)–(b) (i)–(ii) This is a question for the Minister for Finance.

## ROADS — NORTHLINK — REID AND TONKIN HIGHWAYS' INTERCHANGE

**5288. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to Northlink and the design and construction of the Reid and Tonkin Highway interchange and ask:

- (a) when is this project expected to commence and be completed; and
- (b) what is the expected cost of the project?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (a) A design and construct contract is expected to be awarded in the third quarter of 2016 with construction expected to commence early 2017.
- (b) The Swan Valley Bypass project is expected to cost a total of \$836.6m.

## ROADS — NORTHLINK — BALLAJURA

**5289. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Northlink project, in particular the proposed project works to the eastern side of Ballajura and ask:

- (a) have the cost of construction of noise walls in this area been included in the Northlink project;
- (b) if yes, what is the proposed length of the noise wall along the route in the Ballajura suburb; and
- (c) what is the location of the noise wall in the Ballajura suburb?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The noise wall length will be finalised as part of the detailed design stage.
- (c) The location of the noise wall will be adjacent to the rear of residential properties of Ballajura and the new highway. The noise wall will be constructed just outside the residential boundary.

## TAXIS — INDUSTRY DEREGULATION

**5290. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Government's plans in respect to deregulation of the taxi industry and ask:

- (a) when will the Government bring in the new regulations announced in December 2015;
- (b) what are the expected license fees for on-demand services;
- (c) will the Government be providing a compensation package for owners of taxi plates; and
- (d) if no to why not?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (a) It is anticipated the new regulations will commence in July 2016, subject to consideration and endorsement by Government
- (b) The expected licences fees for on-demand services will not be finalised and available until considered by Government
- (c) No, the Government will not be providing a compensation package, however a transition package is being developed to support industry innovation and assist businesses to transition. A hardship fund for plate owners will also be established.
- (d) The Government is not providing compensation for taxi plate owners for the following reasons:  
The Government is not taking away a property right and taxi plate owners will retain their licence to continue to offer services;  
Market fluctuations occur all the time and Government is unable to compensate businesses every time there is a fluctuation in the market;  
There are no impediments to an innovative taxi business serving its customers in an exemplary manner and remaining competitive;  
A transition assistance package and hardship fund will provide support for taxi plate owners.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT — BUS FIRE — ALEXANDER HEIGHTS

**5292. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the bus that caught on fire in Alexander Heights in December 2015 and ask:

- (a) what was the cause of the fire;
- (b) has an investigation been undertaken and concluded in respect to the fire; and
- (c) if yes to (b), can the Minister table a copy of the investigation?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Insofar as the Public Transport Authority is concerned as at 24 March 2016:

- (a) The fire was caused by an electrical fault with the main power supply to the vehicle air conditioning unit.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) The formal fire investigation and report for this bus fire was conducted by the Public Transport Authority's insurance provider Risk Cover. The report is subject to legal privilege.

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT — MINISTERIAL STAFF —  
OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH HON TROY BUSWELL**5293. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

Has the Minister and/or any ministerial staff member or placement had contact with the Hon Troy Buswell in an official capacity since 1 March 2015:

- (a) if yes, on what date or dates did the contact or contacts take place;
- (b) was the contact via email, telephone or in person;
- (c) what was the nature of the contact and/or issues discussed; and
- (d) was the contact in the form of a meeting:
  - (i) where did the meeting take place; and
  - (ii) what is the name of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5149.

MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — STAFF —  
OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH HON TROY BUSWELL

**5294. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

Has the Hon Troy Buswell had any contact with any staff of Main Roads WA in an official capacity since 1 March 2015:

- (a) if yes, on what date or dates was the contact or contacts; and
- (b) what was the nature of the contact and/or issues discussed?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5148.

MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — BRIERTY TENDER DISPUTE — MEDIATION

**5295. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to Main Roads Tender MRWA008913 (Great Eastern Highway) and ask:

- (a) has mediation between Main Roads and Brierty commenced concerning the contractual dispute relating to the amount of rock encountered in cuttings;
- (b) if yes, on what date did mediation commence;
- (c) if no, on what date will mediation commence;
- (d) if mediation had commenced and concluded, what was the outcome of the mediation; and
- (e) what is the name of the independent arbitrator?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5147.

MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — BRIERTY TENDER DISPUTE — COMPENSATION

**5297. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to Main Roads Tender MRWA013513 (Great Northern Highway), and ask:

- (a) has any compensation, recompense or reparation payment to Brierty as a result of a contractual dispute or disagreement associated with the above tender been made as of 16 February 2016;
- (b) if yes, what is the amount of any payment, and what was the basis of the dispute for which any payment was made;
- (c) are there any outstanding claims in relation to any dispute or disagreement associated with the tender;
- (d) if yes, what is the amount of any outstanding claim;
- (e) what is the cost of all State Solicitor's Office advice in relation to any contractual dispute or disagreement with Brierty;
- (f) what is the cost of all independent legal advice in relation to any contractual dispute or disagreement with Brierty;
- (g) how many submissions were received for the above tender; and
- (h) what was the highest and lowest tender price submitted?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

A response is unable to be provided as it is not clear which project the Member is seeking information in regards to. The tender number and project name provided do not match.

MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — BRIERTY TENDER DISPUTE — COMPENSATION

**5298. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to Main Roads Tender MRWA010414 (Kwinana Freeway Southbound Widening), and ask:

- (a) has any compensation, recompense or reparation payment to Brierty as a result of a contractual dispute or disagreement associated with the above tender been made as of 16 February 2016;
- (b) if yes, what is the amount of any payment, and what was the basis of the dispute for which any payment was made;
- (c) are there any outstanding claims in relation to any dispute or disagreement associated with the tender;
- (d) if yes, what is the amount of any outstanding claim;

- (e) what is the cost of all State Solicitor's Office advice in relation to any contractual dispute or disagreement with Brierty;
- (f) what is the cost of all independent legal advice in relation to any contractual dispute or disagreement with Brierty;
- (g) how many submissions were received for the above tender; and
- (h) what was the highest and lowest tender price submitted?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Please refer to response provided to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5145.

**ROADS — BLACK SPOT PROGRAMS — BUDGETED FUNDING**

**5306. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Black Spot Programs funded by the State Government, and ask what level of funding has been budgeted for these programs for:

- (a) 2015–16;
- (b) 2016–17;
- (c) 2017–18; and
- (d) 2018–19?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (a) 2015–16: \$20 million
- (b)–(d) These funds are allocated on an annual basis through the Budget process.

**MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATION**

**5308. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to page 101 of the 2014–15 Main Roads Annual Report and ask, in relation to the \$32.1 million (2013–14) and the \$10.2 million (2014–15) funded from Royalties for Regions, what was the allocation given to each specific project?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

As at 21 April 2016:

The allocations were provided for:

	2013/14 \$ million	2014/15 \$ million
Caravan and Camping Program Action Plan	\$1.375	
Brand Highway	\$1.500	
Dongara Road Alignment Study	\$0.070	
Goldfields Highway	\$5.000	
Marble Bar Road	\$5.314	\$4.331
South Coast Highway	\$7.500	
Wallwork Bridge construction	\$8.000	–
Wubin – Mullewa Road	\$1.944	\$5.056
Regional Workers Incentives	\$1.410	\$0.796

**STATE TRAINING PROVIDERS — COURSE REDUCTIONS**

**5310. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

- (1) What is the total number and range of courses offered to students in 2015 that have been reduced across all State Training Providers in Western Australian in 2016?
- (2) For each State Training Provider college in the metropolitan area, what are the names of the courses that were offered in 2015 that are no longer being offered in 2016?
- (3) For each State Training Provider campus in regional areas, what are the names of the courses that were offered in 2015 that are no longer being offered there in 2016?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (1)–(3) Courses are offered throughout the year on the basis of availability and student demand. It is not possible to make a comparison of courses offered between 2015 and 2016 until the 2016 academic year has finished. Validated full year 2016 data will be available in mid-March 2017.

## STATE TRAINING PROVIDERS — FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFFING LEVELS

**5311. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of staffing levels, in terms of both full time equivalent and head count for each campus for each State Training Provider for the second pay period for Term One 2016 with regard to:
- (a) lecturing staff, the number of:
    - (i) permanent employees;
    - (ii) contract employees; and
    - (iii) casual employees; and
  - (b) administrative and all other staff, the number of:
    - (i) permanent employees;
    - (ii) contract employees; and
    - (iii) casual employees?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise, for each State Training Provider, distinguishing between lecturing and non-lecturing staff:
- (a) how many redundancies were given in 2015;
  - (b) how many redundancies have been given in 2016 so far; and
  - (c) how many redundancies are expected to be given in 2016?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (1)–(2) [See tabled paper no 4125.]

## MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — 2014–2015 PROJECT DELIVERY

**5312. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to page 90 of the Main Roads Annual Report 2014–15 and ask in relation to the projects completed on time, of the 28 per cent of projects not completed on time in 2015, can you list each project that was not delivered on time and how late that project was in delivery?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

As at 24 March 2016:

The on time results for the Road Efficiency Program in 2014–15 were 72% against a target of 90%. As explained on page 93 of the Annual Report this reflected five contracts being behind time as at 30 June 2015. Of the five two were in progress, the details for the remaining three were:

Delay of 50 days on the Road Train Assembly Area on Derby Highway due to contractor delays in sealing and white line marking;

Delay of 32 days in the production of basecourse gravel for Bussell Highway on Vlam Road due to the contractor experiencing difficulties in obtaining necessary permits; and

Delay of 7 days in the production of basecourse gravel for Coalfields Highway Upgrade due to the production of an additional 27,000 cubic metres of gravel.

These results were verified by the Auditor General.

## ENVIRONMENT — LOT 20 ADELAIDE STREET HAZELMERE — CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT

**5314. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) I refer to Lot 20 Adelaide Street, Hazelmere. A contamination assessment was undertaken by Parsons Brinckerhoff in 2006 which summarised the extent and general nature of uncontrolled fill present, however the Westerock Works Approval Application notes that the depth and extent of contamination will need to be determined during the excavation/remediation process and I ask:
- (a) should appeals against the level of assessment be dismissed, will the Department of Environment Regulation conduct a more rigorous assessment of the extent and depth of contaminated waste ahead of the issue of a works approval licence, and if not why not?

- (2) Will a more rigorous assessment of the extent and depth of contaminated waste occur prior to any excavation/remediation work, and if not, why not?
- (3) Which department/agency will monitor the excavation/remediation works throughout the life of the project, should a works approval licence be issued:
  - (a) what penalties apply if regulatory safeguards are breached; and
  - (b) what is the process to ensure a successful prosecution?
- (4) Wasterock Pty Ltd has indicated the remediation work will take approximately 5 years to complete:
  - (a) what is the excavation/remediation process for this site that warrants a works period of 5 years;
  - (b) what measures could be imposed through the works approval license to ensure excavation/remediation is done in a 6-month period; and
  - (c) in what circumstances would the Department require that a site be domed during the excavation/remediation works?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (1) (a) The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) is assessing a works approval application in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). However, no decision will be made until after I have determined the appeals. The Department undertakes a risk-based assessment which considers any environmental impacts that may be associated with emissions and discharges from the proposal.
- (2) See response to question (1)(a).
- (3) Should DER grant a works approval and licence under Part V of the EP Act, DER will monitor compliance with conditions of the works approval and licence.
  - (a) Contravening a condition in a works approval or licence under the EP Act has a maximum penalty of \$125,000 for a body corporate and \$62,500 for an individual. There is also an ongoing daily penalty for this offence of \$25,000 for a body corporate and \$12,500 for an individual.

Breach of conditions may also constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of the works approval or licence.

  - (b) Admissible evidence is gathered to establish a prima facie case to the standard required by the Courts. If a prima facie case exists, the Department will assess whether a prosecution is in the public interest in accordance with its Enforcement and Prosecution Policy.
- (4) (a) See response to question (1)(a).
- (b) Under section 62 of the EP Act, a works approval or licence may be granted subject to conditions as the Chief Executive Officer considers necessary for the prevention, control, abatement or mitigation of pollution or environmental harm. All works approvals and licences are granted for a specific duration.
- (c) See response to question (1)(a).

WATER — UNDERGROUND AQUIFER NEAR LAVERTON

**5315. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the underground aquifer near Laverton, in the Goldfields Region, and ask:

- (a) what is the capacity of the aquifer;
- (b) is the water of drinking quality; and
- (c) is the water available for use outside the Goldfields Region?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

- (a)–(c) There are several underground aquifers near Laverton. If the Member would like more information on a specific aquifer I am happy to provide it.

ENVIRONMENT — LOT 20 ADELAIDE STREET HAZELMERE — CONVENOR'S REPORT

**5316. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) The Office of Appeals Convenor is expected to provide a report to the Minister for Environment, on appeals lodged against the Environmental Protection Authority's decision to not assess the proposal by



excavation, remediation and development of a Department of Environment Regulation listed 'Contaminated' site at Lot 20 Adelaide Street, Hazelmere, and I ask:

- (a) is the Convenor still considering the appeals:
  - (i) is the Convenor meeting with appellants;
  - (ii) is the Convenor set to again meet with the proponent;
  - (iii) how many meetings has the Convenor already had with the proponent;
  - (iv) how many emails, letters and phone calls have been had between the proponent and the Convenor; and
  - (v) when did the appeal period end?
- (2) When is it expected that the Convenor's report will be received by the Minister:
  - (a) and if it is already with the Minister:
    - (i) when will the Minister release the report along with the recommendations?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (1)–(2) The matter is still under appeal investigation. The appeal period closed on 23 November 2015. As is standard practice, the Office of the Appeals Convenor has corresponded and met with appellants and the proponent and its representatives in relation to the lodgement of the appeals, The Appeals Convenor will submit her report and recommendations to me on completion of her investigation on this matter. The Appeals Convenors report will be publicly available once I have made an appeal determination.

PLANNING — BUSH FOREVER SITE BF 325 — NATIVE COSTAL VEGETATION

**5319. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Planning**

- (1) How can a positive conservation outcome be achieved when the destruction of 19.5 hectares of high conservation value native coastal vegetation in the Bush Forever site BF 325 is proposed?
- (2) Is the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA's) decision not to assess the terrestrial component of the Ocean Reef Marina development proposal under Part IV Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 part of the current review of decisions made by the EPA?
- (3) What is meant by the term 'Bush Forever Negotiated Planning Outcome'?

**Mr J. Norberger replied:**

- (1) The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) referred an MRS amendment to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Ocean Reef Marina development. The EPA determined to not assess the scheme amendment and provided advice to the WAPC regarding the impacts of clearing 19.5 ha of native vegetation within Bush Forever site 325. The advice stated that the impacts to the Bush Forever site will be adequately compensated through a Negotiated Planning Outcome, which is to include the rehabilitation and addition to the conservation estate of suitable site/s, to be agreed between the Department of Planning, Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority before final approval of MRS Amendment.

I am advised that the proponent is identifying appropriate sites to meet EPA's requirements and in accordance with State Planning Policy 2.8 – Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region.

I am also advised that the area of native vegetation to be impacted by the development has been reduced to 16.79 ha.

- (2) This question should be directed to The Minister for Environment.
- (3) The term 'Bush Forever Negotiated Planning Outcome' denotes a negotiated planning position that incorporates offset(s) to address compensation for clearing Bush Forever. This term is used in relation to Bush Forever Areas that were not identified as Negotiated Planning Solution sites in the original listing but were acknowledged as providing a potential strategic benefit. The Ocean Reef Marina was identified as a 'possible future strategic regional recreation and tourism node.' The Negotiated Planning Outcome is being developed in accordance with the criteria for Negotiated Planning Solutions in appendix 4 of SPP 2.8 to ensure an acceptable conservation outcome is achieved.

ENVIRONMENT — BUSH FOREVER SITE BF 325 — NATIVE COSTAL VEGETATION

**5320. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) How can a positive conservation outcome be achieved when the destruction of 19.5 hectares of high conservation value native coastal vegetation in the Bush Forever site BF 325 is proposed?

- (2) Is the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA's) decision not to assess the terrestrial component of the Ocean Reef Marina development proposal under Part IV Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* part of the current review of decisions made by the EPA?
- (3) What is meant by the term 'Bush Forever Negotiated Planning Outcome'?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

Minister Jacob has delegated his powers and functions with respect to the development of the Ocean Reef Marina to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women's Interests to ensure that there is no conflicts of interest in his role as the Member for Ocean Reef. Therefore the following response has been provided by Minister Harvey.

- (1) The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) referred an MRS amendment to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Ocean Reef Marina development. The EPA determined to not assess the scheme amendment and provided advice to the WAPC regarding the impacts of clearing 19.5 ha of native vegetation within Bush Forever site 325. The advice stated that the impacts to the Bush Forever site will be adequately compensated through a Negotiated Planning Outcome, which is to include the rehabilitation and addition to the conservation estate of suitable site/s, to be agreed between the Department of Planning, Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority before final approval of MRS Amendment.

I am advised that the proponent is identifying appropriate sites to meet EPA's requirements and in accordance with State Planning Policy 2.8 – Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region.

I am also advised that the area of native vegetation to be impacted by the development has been reduced to 16.79 ha.

- (2) There is no current review of EPA decisions. The Minister for Environment has appointed an independent Legal and Governance Review Panel to examine the EPA's processes for the development and application of policy for environmental impact assessment, to ensure they are consistent with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
- (3) The term 'Bush Forever Negotiated Planning Outcome' denotes the planning offset required to adequately compensate for the impacts to Bush Forever site 325 in accordance with State Planning Policy 2.8 – Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan. The Negotiated Planning Outcome is being developed in accordance with the criteria in appendix 4 of SPP 2.8 to ensure an acceptable conservation outcome is achieved.

ENERGY — CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION

**5321. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the decision by then Prime Minister Tony Abbott on 11 August 2015 to set a target of 26 to 28 per cent for reduction in carbon emissions in Australia, and I ask:

- (a) how much carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) will need to be reduced in the generation of electricity in the South West Integrated System (SWIS) to meet the target set by the Federal Liberal National Party Government; and
- (b) how much carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) will need to be reduced in the generation of electricity generated in Western Australia which is not part of the SWIS to meet the target set by the Federal Liberal National Party Government?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (a)–(b) The former Commonwealth Government's target for emissions reduction was a national target. Targets are set at a national level to ensure reductions in emissions take place where it costs least to do so, both in terms of location and sectors of the economy.

The former Commonwealth Government's target was not determined at a State or Territory level and did not require that specific entities reduce emissions by definite amounts. It is not possible to determine what contribution would be required by generators in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) and outside the SWIS in order to meet this historical national target.

MINISTER FOR HOUSING — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5323. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;

- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5339.

## MINISTER FOR WATER — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5325. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
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- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

- (a)–(g) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5339

## MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5326. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business; Veterans:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

- (a)–(g) Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5339

## MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5327. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Environment; Heritage:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;

- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice Number 5339.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5328. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5339

TREASURER — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5329. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer; Minister for Energy; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were these in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5339.

MINISTER FOR FINANCE — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5331. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Finance; Mines and Petroleum:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5339.

## MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5333. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Mental Health; Child Protection:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Ms A.R. Mitchell replied:**

- (a)–(g) Please refer to the response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5339.

## MINISTER FOR PLANNING — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5334. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
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- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5339.

## MINISTER FOR HEALTH — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5337. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Health; Tourism:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
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- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5339.

## PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF

**5339. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Science:**

In relation to each Government agency within the Minister's portfolio, I ask:

- (a) how many Senior Executive Staff (SES) staff are there currently in the agency;
- (b) how many SES staff were there in the agency in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (c) what is the title of each SES staff member and the salary paid to each SES staff member;
- (d) what is the total cost of non-salary benefits to be paid to the agency's SES staff members in 2016;
- (e) what was the total cost of non-salary benefits paid to the agency's SES staff members in each of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (f) what is the assumed increase in the SES salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19; and
- (g) what is the assumed increase in the SES non-salary costs over each year of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

**Mr C.J. Barnett replied:**

The Public Sector Commission advises

- (a) As at 26 April 2016 there are 499 SES officers across all public sector agencies.
- (b) Please see table below:

Date	SES officers in the public sector
30 June 2010	413
30 June 2011	442
30 June 2012	479
30 June 2013	507
30 June 2014	510
30 June 2015	505

- (c)–(d) Departments have advised that answering these specific questions will require extensive and time consuming analysis. I am not prepared to divert valuable resources away from other duties to undertake this task and believe questions (a) to (b) provide an appropriate overview.

## SYNERGY — CALL CENTRE

**5340. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:**

- (1) Has Synergy engaged the services of a call centre?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) when was the call centre engaged;
  - (b) where is the call centre located;
  - (c) how much has Synergy paid the call centre this financial year, and how much was paid last financial year; and
  - (d) what is the duration of the contract with the call centre?
- (3) If no to (1):
  - (a) how does Synergy contact its customers?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
  - (a) July 2009.
  - (b) Joondalup, Western Australia
  - (c) Financial year 2015–16 to date: \$6.94 million  
Financial year 2014–15: \$7.92 million
  - (d) The duration of the current contract is five years.
- (3) Not applicable.
  - (a) Not applicable.

## SOUTH WEST INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM — CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT EMISSIONS

**5341. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:**

How much carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>e) did electricity generation in the South West Integrated System (SWIS) emit in:

- (a) 2008/09;
- (b) 2009/10;
- (c) 2010/11;
- (d) 2011/12;
- (e) 2012/13;
- (f) 2013/14;
- (g) 2014/15; and
- (h) 2015/16?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (a) 12,537,901 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e
- (b) 12,836,377 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e
- (c) 14,130,169 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e
- (d) 13,654,041 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e
- (e) 10,889,744 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e
- (f) 11,013,304 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e
- (g) 13,819,825 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e
- (h) Data not yet available

Source: National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme data provided by the Clean Energy Regulator, Commonwealth Government. Data includes Scope 1 (direct) and Scope 2 (indirect) CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions.

## TREASURER — PILBARA PORT ASSETS (DISPOSAL) BILL 2015 — CORPORATE CONTACT

**5342. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Treasurer:**

- (1) Has the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office had contact with any private corporation or a representative of a private corporation (including legal representatives) concerning the *Pilbara Port Assets (Disposal) Bill 2015* or any matter related to the content of the Bill?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) which corporation(s) have contacted the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office;
  - (b) what were the dates of the contact(s);
  - (c) did the contact(s) occur by telephone, email, meeting or other means;
  - (d) what was the nature or subject of the contact;
  - (e) did the corporation (or representative of the corporation) express concern regarding the *Pilbara Port Assets (Disposal) Bill 2015*;
  - (f) where the contact was by phone or email, who within the Minister's office participated in the contact; and
  - (g) where the contact was by email, what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2) [See tabled paper no 4127.]

STATE DEVELOPMENT — PILBARA PORT ASSETS (DISPOSAL) BILL 2015 —  
CORPORATE CONTACT**5343. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for State Development:**

- (1) Has the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office had contact with any private corporation or a representative of a private corporation (including legal representatives) concerning the *Pilbara Port Assets (Disposal) Bill 2015*, or any issue covered by the Bill's content?

- (2) If yes to (1):
- (a) which corporation(s) have contacted the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office;
  - (b) what were the dates of the contact(s);
  - (c) did the contact(s) occur by telephone, email, meeting or other means;
  - (d) what was the nature or subject of the contact;
  - (e) did the corporation (or representative of the corporation) express concern regarding the *Pilbara Port Assets (Disposal) Bill 2015*;
  - (f) where the contact was by phone or email, who within the Minister's office participated in the contact; and
  - (g) where the contact was by email, what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

Since 31 March 2016 there has been no contact with any private corporation or a representative of a private corporation (including legal representatives) concerning the *Pilbara Port Assets (Disposal) Bill 2015*, or any issue covered by the Bill's content.

MINES AND PETROLEUM — PILBARA PORT ASSETS (DISPOSAL) BILL 2015 —  
CORPORATE CONTACT

**5344. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) Has the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office had contact with any private corporation or a representative of a private corporation (including legal representatives) concerning the *Pilbara Port Assets (Disposal) Bill 2015*?
- (2) If yes to (1):
- (a) which corporation(s) have contacted the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office;
  - (b) what were the dates of the contact(s);
  - (c) did the contact(s) occur by telephone, email, meeting or other means;
  - (d) what was the nature or subject of the contact;
  - (e) did the corporation (or representative of the corporation) express concern regarding the *Pilbara Port Assets (Disposal) Bill 2015*;
  - (f) where the contact was by phone or email, who within the Minister's office participated in the contact; and
  - (g) where the contact was by email, what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr S.K. L'Estrange replied:**

Answer as at 5 April 2016:

- (1) No.
- (2) (a)–(g) Not applicable.

ENERGY — RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PROPOSALS

**5345. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:**

- (1) How many times was the Minister contacted by an energy generation company with a large-scale renewable energy generation proposal in:
- (a) 2013/14;
  - (b) 2014/15; and
  - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) In each year mentioned above, how many of these proposals received government/Ministerial approval and how many of these proposals did not receive government/Ministerial approval?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

The Minister has met with a range of renewable energy businesses over the last three years.

To extract this information would require a considerable amount of time and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources.



## STATE DEVELOPMENT — MINING COMPANY CONTACT

**5346. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for State Development:**

- (1) Since January 2015, has the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office had contact with representatives of the companies Kimberley Diamonds, Royell and Kimroy or Jirsch Sutherland?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) what were the dates of the contact(s);
  - (b) did the contact(s) occur by telephone, email, meeting or other means;
  - (c) what was the nature or subject of the contact;
  - (d) where the contact was by phone or email, who within the Minister's office participated in the contact; and
  - (e) where the contact was by email, what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

Since 31 March 2016 there has been no contact with representatives of the companies Kimberley Diamonds, Royell and Kimroy or Jirsch Sutherland.

## MINES AND PETROLEUM — MINING COMPANY CONTACT

**5347. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) Since January 2015, has the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office had contact with representatives of the companies Kimberley Diamonds, Royell and Kimroy or Jirsch Sutherland?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) what were the dates of the contact(s);
  - (b) did the contact(s) occur by telephone, email, meeting or other means;
  - (c) what was the nature or subject of the contact;
  - (d) where the contact was by phone or email, who within the Minister's office participated in the contact; and
  - (e) where the contact was by email, what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr S.K. L'Estrange replied:**

Answer as at 5 April 2016:

- (1) No.
- (2) (a)–(e) Not applicable.

## STATE DEVELOPMENT — MINING COMPANY CONTACT

**5348. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for State Development:**

- (1) Has the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office had contact with representatives of the companies South 32, BHP Billiton or Rio Tinto since November 2015?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) what were the dates of the contact(s);
  - (b) did the contact(s) occur by telephone, email, meeting or other means;
  - (c) what was the nature or subject of the contact;
  - (d) where the contact was by phone or email, who within the Minister's office participated in the contact; and
  - (e) where the contact was by email, what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr W.R. Marmion replied:**

- (1) Yes – Rio Tinto
- (2)
  - (a) Tuesday 5 April 2016.
  - (b) Email, Telephone.
  - (c) Passing on contact details of new DMP Principal Policy Advisor, details of upcoming site visit.
  - (d) Cam Fraser.
  - (e) Not applicable.

- (1) Yes – BHP Billiton
- (2) (a) Tuesday 5 April 2016.
- (b) Meeting.
- (c) Range of industry matters.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

MINES AND PETROLEUM — MINING COMPANY CONTACT

**5349. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) Has the Minister and/or any staff member or placement within the Minister's Office had contact with representatives of the companies South 32, BHP Billiton or Rio Tinto since November 2015?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) what were the dates of the contact(s);
  - (b) did the contact(s) occur by telephone, email, meeting or other means;
  - (c) what was the nature or subject of the contact;
  - (d) where the contact was by phone or email, who within the Minister's office participated in the contact; and
  - (e) where the contact was by email, what are the names of all persons present at the meeting?

**Mr S.K. L'Estrange replied:**

Answer as at 5 April 2016:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (a) Letter dated 5 April 2016 from South32 received 13 April 2016. Email dated 5 April 2016 from Katherine Tomlinson, Executive Assistance – Chief Financial Officer, Rio Tinto.
- (b) Letter and Email.
- (c) South32 wrote to congratulate the Minister on his new Ministerial appointment and Rio Tinto emailed invitation to the West Coast v Richmond Football game on Friday 15 April 2015.
- (d) Alana Eliachewsky, Appointment Secretary to the Hon Sean L'Estrange MLA.
- (e) Not applicable.

SOUTH WEST INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM — RENEWABLE ENERGY

**5350. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:**

- (1) What percentage did renewable energy contribute to the total electricity generated in the South West Integrated System (SWIS) in the non-contestable market in:
  - (a) 2008/09;
  - (b) 2009/10;
  - (c) 2010/11;
  - (d) 2011/12;
  - (e) 2012/13;
  - (f) 2013/14;
  - (g) 2014/15; and
  - (h) 2015/16?
- (2) What percentage did renewable energy contribute to the total electricity generated in the South West Integrated System (SWIS) in the contestable market in:
  - (a) 2008/09;
  - (b) 2009/10;
  - (c) 2010/11;
  - (d) 2011/12;
  - (e) 2012/13;
  - (f) 2013/14;
  - (g) 2014/15; and
  - (h) 2015/16?

**Dr M.D. Nahan replied:**

- (1)–(2) This information is not differentiated between contestable and non-contestable customers. Retailers often obtain energy from a mix of sources to supply contestable and non-contestable customers.
- Information on total renewable energy generated in the SWIS can be found on AEMO's website.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES — AUSTRALIND FIRE STATION****5352. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the Australind Fire Station and ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise whether plans to have a career fire station at Australind have been shelved permanently or is it still intended to build a station in the area at some time in the future, and if yes when?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

- (a) Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 3996.

**SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERING — ADVOCARE ELDER ABUSE HELPLINE****5353. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering:**

I refer to the Elder Abuse Hotline and ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise how many calls have been received by the Elder Abuse hotline since it commenced operations; and
- (b) how many calls have been received in 2015 (year to date)?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

- (a) 665 (from 3 September 2014 to 19 February 2016).
- (b) 464.

**TRANSPORT — FREMANTLE PORT — AIR QUALITY MONITORING****5354. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to air quality monitoring undertaken around Fremantle Port and ask:

- (a) what air quality monitoring has been undertaken around Fremantle Port;
- (b) when did this monitoring commence;
- (c) please detail the results of any air monitoring conducted around Fremantle Port over the last 10 years;
- (d) are alternatives to ships using their own diesel generators being actively considered by the Fremantle Port Authority;
- (e) what is the timetable for consideration of the alternative power sources; and
- (f) has research been undertaken on power source alternatives being used in other States in Australia and/or in comparable overseas freight ports?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (a) Rosslyn Hill Mining (formerly Magellan Metals) has undertaken high volume air quality and static dust monitoring for lead as a condition of their environmental approval to export lead carbonate in containers.
- (b) 2009.
- (c) The results were provided by Rosslyn Hill Mining to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority and Department of Health to demonstrate compliance with relevant environmental and health standards. Rosslyn Hill Mining publishes audit and sampling results on their website.
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Yes. Ports Australia has undertaken research and determined that no Australian ports are using alternative power sources and that some overseas ports are doing so.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL — TUNG TRAN****5356. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the recent withdrawal of charges against Mr Tung Tran shortly due to go to trial and I ask:

- (a) what was the reason for discontinuing the case;
- (b) when was the CCTV of the incident obtained by police;

- (c) when was the CCTV of the incident first viewed by WA Police;
- (d) when was the prosecution brief first referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- (e) when was the CCTV footage first viewed by DPP officer/s;
- (f) were representations made to police or the DPP or directly to yourself to discontinue the case on the basis that Mr Tran was a victim and not an offender; and
- (g) if so, when were these representations received and when were they responded to?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question number 5355

PLANNING — ELIZABETH QUAY — GROUND SURFACES

**5357. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning:**

Can the Minister advise what information was sought and action taken to ensure that paths and paving surfaces used on Elizabeth Quay enabled easy access to those with a disability, and or the elderly with mobility issues?

**Mr J. Norberger replied:**

The design of the Elizabeth Quay Public Realm has followed the principles of universal access across the entire precinct.

The City of Perth Access Working Group and the Main Roads WA Disability Access Group were consulted during the design phase and actively provided input to details regarding access to and through the precinct, surface materials used and level transition management and treatment.

Key accessibility design features adopted to enable easy access along paths and paving surfaces include:

Installation of compliant walkways in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard (AS1428.1-2009 Design for Access and Mobility) throughout the precinct to allow access within the entire precinct.

Access ways across the roads are formed in the flatter cobble stones to ensure smooth transition for persons with disabilities.

SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERING — SENIORS CARD CENTRE — LEASE EXPIRATION

**5358. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering:**

Can the Minister advise when the lease will expire on the Seniors Card centre at 140 William Street Perth, and the current annual rental cost for those premises?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

The lease on the Seniors Card Centre located on Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth, expires on 16 May 2025.

The annual rental cost is \$26 047.23.

EMERGENCY SERVICES — SUCCESS FIRE STATION RELOCATION

**5360. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the proposed replacement site for Success fire station in Cooper Road and I ask, is it anticipated that there will be any increase in response times from this new site, if so, what is the predicted increase?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

As a suitable site has yet to be identified, and is subject to funding approval, no comment can be made in relation to response times.

TRANSPORT — BUS SERVICES — ROUTE 450

**5361. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the planned extension of the 450 bus route in Landsdale, and ask what is the estimated annual cost of the planned extension?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

Approximately \$400 000.

## EDUCATION — HAINSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

**5362. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

- (1) Can the Minister advise when it is expected that development will commence on the Hainsworth Primary School site in Girrawheen?
- (2) Can the Minister further advise when development at that site is scheduled to be completed?
- (3) What is the reason/s for delay in commencing?
- (4) Is the site earmarked for asset disposal by government?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

This project will form part of the Liberal–National State Government’s commitment to deliver 30,000 homes by 2020.

The Housing Authority advises:

- (1) An Expression of Interest to find a private sector partner to assist in developing the land is planned to be released to market in October 2016. The development is expected to commence in mid-2017 following the appointment of a private sector partner.
- (2) The development will comprise up to 160 homes. Completion will be dependent on market conditions and sale rates. It is estimated that lots will start being available for sale by December 2017, which should enable the development to be completed by 2021.
- (3) There has not been a delay. Significant milestones have been achieved since the site was acquired. The Housing Authority has obtained a rezoning, structure plan and subdivision approval from the Western Australian Planning Commission.
- (4) No.

## ENVIRONMENT — NON ORGANIC DISPOSAL SITE — DARCH

**5363. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to inspections by the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) of the Non Organic Disposals site in Darch in November last year and the requirement then imposed to remove stockpiled residual waste from the site subject to ongoing compliance monitoring and I ask:

- (a) can you supply details of the times and dates of any subsequent visits by DER and their findings;
- (b) when was the last time the operator of that site provided results to DER of monitoring on the characteristics, volume and effects of the waste being discharged and the results thereof, and when are the next results of monitoring due to be provided to DER;
- (c) what measures have been taken by DER to monitor compliance with conditions on dust suppression, separation distance between excavation and groundwater and separation of uncontaminated stormwater run off; and
- (d) with what frequency does DER undertake the compliance checks referred to in ?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (a) The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) has inspected the premises in question (L6832/1997/12) on the following dates:

9 March 2016 at 9am,

23 March 2016 at 10.30am,

7 April 2016 at 10.45am; and

21 April 2016 at 12.30pm.

Since 23 March 2016, DER has been inspecting the premises on a fortnightly basis. The licensee is progressively removing material from the premises and has advised that an estimated 12,000m<sup>3</sup> has been removed offsite since August 2015.

DER inspections also focus on compliance with the dust management requirements of the above licence. To date, officers have not observed any unreasonable dust or odour emissions from the premises during these inspections.

- (b) Landfilling is no longer undertaken on this premises. On 4 December 2015, the above licence was amended to remove the category 63 landfilling. DER understands that landfilling has not been undertaken on the site since 2009, when the current licensee took over.

The licensee is required to provide DER with an Annual Environmental Report (AER), which is to include a summary of inputs and outputs, monitoring of ambient groundwater quality with an assessment against previous monitoring results, monitoring of landfill gas, complaints summary and a declaration of compliance with the licence. The last AER was assessed in May 2016 with no major issues identified.

- (c)–(d) There are a number of dust management and mitigation controls in place onsite including: water carts, sprinklers on stockpiles and on the crushing and screening infrastructure. There are also a number of controls in place in respect of asbestos management onsite. Excavation is no longer being undertaken, therefore, separation to groundwater relative to excavation is no longer relevant to current operations. Notwithstanding this, groundwater monitoring is required to be undertaken every six months.

Condition 1.3.15 of the above licence requires diversion drains to direct stormwater away from unprocessed waste storage areas.

With the exception of the non-conforming waste onsite, the licensee has been found to be compliant with conditions of the above licence.

DER currently inspects the premises on a fortnightly basis to monitor the removal of non-conforming waste and dust and odour management onsite. DER reviews the annual environmental returns on an annual basis. The premises is also subject to inspection under the Department's Annual Compliance Program. DER has also inspected this premises separately for landfill levy and asbestos management requirements. DER may also inspect the premises as a result of complaints received.

#### RACING AND GAMING — GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY — EUTHANASIA

##### **5364. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to the Greyhound Racing industry in WA and ask:

- (a) what is the usual on-track veterinary protocol for a suspected bone fracture;
- (b) are X-rays used to determine the severity of the injury before resorting to euthanasia; and
- (c) since 2005, how many Greyhounds were euthanised annually for the following reasons:
  - (i) not suitable for re-homing or Greyhound Adoption Plan (GAP);
  - (ii) unable to find suitable home;
  - (iii) due to injury/ongoing injuries; and
  - (iv) no racing ability/poor performer?

##### **Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) advises:

- (a) The greyhound is examined by an on track veterinary surgeon.
- (b) Radiographic imaging would be the decision of the on track veterinary surgeon.
- (c) RWVA advises in relation to (b) to (d) that prior to 2013, the data requested was contained in a legacy database within a structure that has not been retained. Further, in relation to some of the queries raised as indicated, the data was not structured to be captured in a way which allows for it to directly respond to the query. This would require several weeks of work and the diversion of resources from other active projects and duties. Further, the reliability of some of this data would be questionable as the system was not at that time designed to capture the information that is now being requested, and would require manual manipulation or interpretation to provide details with an acceptable level of confidence.

I am therefore not prepared to divert valuable staff resources away from other duties to retrieve this data.

- (i) 2013–14: 47, 2014–15: 110.
- (ii) This information is not collected.
- (iii) 2013–14: 260, 2014–15: 261.
- (iv) 2013–14: 76, 2014–15: 106.

#### RACING AND GAMING — GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY — BREEDING

##### **5365. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to the Greyhound Racing industry in Western Australia and ask:

- (a) how many litters is a breeding bitch permitted to have in her lifetime; and
- (b) how is this monitored and enforced?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) For females up to 8 years of age, 3 litters. However, with a prior veterinary certification of appropriate health and fitness for further litters and the approval in writing of a RWWA appointed Breeding Panel, a female may have 1 additional litter. The same approvals are required for a female over 8 years of age to have a litter.
- (b) Eligibility for breeding is monitored by whelping notices lodged under the Racing and Wagering Western Australia *Rules of Greyhound Racing 2008* for the registered breeding females.

## RACING AND GAMING — GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY

**5366. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to the Greyhound Racing industry in Western Australia and ask:

- (a) how many retired Greyhounds were re-homed through the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) each year since 2005;
- (b) how many retired Greyhounds were re-homed privately or through other adoption organisations each year since 2005;
- (c) how many Greyhounds deceased due to injury, illness or accident each year since 2005;
- (d) how many retired Greyhounds went on to be used for breeding each year since 2005; and
- (e) is the registration and euthanasia of Greyhounds from accidental litters recorded?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) advises:

- (a) 2005–07: No data available.  
2007–08: 129.  
2008–09: 140.  
2009–10: 156.  
2010–11: 125.  
2011–12: 110.  
2012–13: 110.  
2013–14: 120.  
2014–15: 113.  
2015– March 2016: 77.

RWWA advises in relation to (b) to (d) that prior to 2013, the data requested was contained in a legacy database within a structure that has not been retained. Further, in relation to some of the queries raised as indicated, the data was not structured to be captured in a way which allows for it to directly respond to the query. This would require several weeks of work and the diversion of resources from other active projects and duties. Further, the reliability of some of this data would be questionable as the system was not at that time designed to capture the information that is now being requested, and would require manual manipulation or interpretation to provide details with an acceptable level of confidence.

I am therefore not prepared to divert valuable staff resources away from other duties to retrieve this data.

- (b) 2012–13: 396.  
2014–15: 311.
- (c) 2012–13: 35 naturally deceased.  
2014–15: 50 naturally deceased.
- (d) 2013–14: 34 were notified as retired for breeding purposes.  
2014–15: 74 were notified as retired for breeding purposes.
- (e) The Racing and Wagering Western Australia Rules of Greyhound Racing 2008 requires the recording of all services, whelpings and euthanasias.

## RACING AND GAMING — GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY — BREEDING

**5368. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to the Greyhound Racing industry in Western Australia and ask:

- (a) how many Greyhounds were whelped in WA every year since 2005;
- (b) how many registered breeders were there in WA every year since 2005;
- (c) how many Greyhounds were whelped by each registered breeder in (b), each year since 2005; and
- (d) of the Greyhounds whelped each year since 2005, how many went on to race?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) advises:

- (a) 2004–05: 609.  
2005–06: 634.  
2006–07: 562.  
2007–08: 598.  
2008–09: 787.  
2009–10: 623.  
2010–11: 615.  
2011–12: 553.  
2012–13: 586.  
2013–14: 691.  
2014–15: 587.
- (b) 2005–11: RWWA only commenced licensing breeders in 2011.  
2011–12: 118 licences issued.  
2012–13: 31 licences issued.  
2013–14: 33 licences issued.  
2014–15: 21 licences issued.

Note: For the period 2011–15, 13 licences ceased to be valid for various reasons (the primary reason being inactivity as the Rule prescribes that a licence expires if a litter is not bred in 4 years).

- (c) RWWA advises that answering this question will require extensive and time consuming analysis. Given the volume of licensees and combinations of breeders, it is not practical to extract and display that data for each entity registered as a breeder of a respective litter for that period as it can include multiple persons who are registered as the owner of a respective brood bitch being associated with a single whelp. Each respective litter has its own registered breeder based upon ownership, or authority over the breeding bitch. Accordingly I am not prepared to divert valuable staff resources away from other duties to undertake this task.
- (d) 2005–11: RWWA only commenced licensing breeders in 2011.  
2011–12: 347 of 553.  
2012–13: 390 of 586.  
2013–14: 341 of 691 (some of the younger whelps not yet ready to race).  
2014–15: Nil, as whelps are too young to race.

EMERGENCY SERVICES — WAROONA–YARLOOP BUSHFIRES —  
DC10 AND C130 WATER BOMBERS**5370. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to your statements made during the Waroona/Yarloop fires that the DC10 water bomber and C130 water bomber based at RAAF Base Richmond were not suitable to be deployed to these fires, and ask:

- (a) what was the basis for this conclusion;
- (b) what was the source of advice provided; and
- (c) what information are you providing to the Ferguson Review on this decision?



**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a) It had been determined that the aircraft used at Waroona (Helitaks, Aircrane and Fixed Wing) would have outperformed the Large Air Tanker (LAT) and very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) in the volume and accuracy of suppressant dropped, average drops per hour, their target flexibility and agility on the fire ground.
- (b) The Department's Aviation Services branch compared the capability of the State's small aircraft fleet to the LAT/ VLAT in relation to average water/ suppressant volume (tonnes) per hour, target flexibility, fire ground agility, landing and fuel requirements for Waroona.
- (c) The Waroona Special Inquiry has been provided a paper considering whether the provision of LAT/ VLAT during the Waroona incident would have affected the extent and impact of the fire.

EMERGENCY SERVICES — OFFICE OF BUSHFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT —  
TENURE BLIND APPROACH

**5371. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the stated intention of the Office of Bushfire Risk Management to adopt a 'tenure blind' approach to the assessment of bushfire risk across WA, and I ask:

- (a) when is it anticipated this will occur;
- (b) what steps need to be taken before this will occur; and
- (c) what will be the expected impact of this change in approach?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a) On 10 December 2015, the Office of Bushfire Risk Management published the Guidelines for preparing a Bushfire Risk Management Plan (the Guidelines). The Guidelines establish the process for assessing bushfire related risk on a tenure blind basis and developing and implementing a Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP).

By 21 December 2015, DFES signed MOUs with the 16 local governments to provide resources and funding to support the development of BRMPs. DFES has approached an additional 22 local governments who may currently have existing capacity to develop BRMPs.

- (b) The process has commenced.
- (c) Impacts will include:

A greater awareness, ownership and management of bushfire risk within communities. This provides for better prepared and protected communities.

More efficient and effective use of resources and funding to undertake prioritised treatment works.

A greater awareness of bushfire risk to better support Government decisions on funding allocations.

POLICE — TURNING POINT PROGRAM

**5372. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police:**

Is the so-called Turning Point program currently in operation, and if so:

- (a) when did the program commence and how many offenders have been diverted onto this program since it began; and
- (b) if not, when do you anticipate the program will commence?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

WA Police advise:

- (a) Operation Turning Point commenced in the South East Metropolitan District and the Broome Sub-District in July 2015.

As at 6 April 2016:

91 persons commenced Turning Point agreements.

- (b) Not applicable.

## CORRECTIVE SERVICES — YOUNG OFFENDERS — JUVENILE JUSTICE REFERRALS

**5375. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

In each of the calendar years 2013, 2014 and 2015 (year to date), how many young offenders were referred to juvenile justice teams by police?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice number 5374.

LANDS — DEPARTMENTS OF LANDS AND PARKS AND WILDLIFE —  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**5376. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Lands and the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) (formerly Department of Environment and Conservation) and I ask:

- (a) what are the terms of that MOU, and when was it executed;
- (b) how are the areas for fire mitigation activities for each year identified and prioritised;
- (c) what percentage of unallocated Crown land under the control of the Department of Lands would be subject to fire mitigation work each year;
- (d) what is the total amount spent by the Department in fire mitigation activities, (exclusive of funds given to DPAW); and
- (e) in addition, how much funding is given to DPAW to conduct fire mitigation activities pursuant to the MOU?

**Mr D.T. Redman replied:**

- (a) Under the terms of the MOU, the Department of Parks and Wildlife's (DPaW) principal commitment is to manage fire and other agreed hazards, to the extent that they are funded by the State Government of Western Australia, by (i) identifying hazards, (ii) allocating priorities that protect community and environmental values, and (iii) implementing activities that mitigate the impact of fire hazards. The MOU commenced on 8 September 2004. The existing MoU was specifically confirmed in correspondence between the Directors General of the Departments of Parks and Wildlife and Lands, as recently as May 2014
- (b) The Department of Parks and Wildlife applies similar risk management principles to the identification and prioritisation of mitigation works on unallocated Crown land (UCL) and unmanaged reserves (UMR) as it does to land for which it has statutory management responsibility. It also considers opportunities to leverage the limited funding available for the purpose by conducting UCL/UMR works in conjunction with work on its neighbouring reserves or being conducted by other neighbouring landholders or land managers. Both approaches focus mitigation works on interface areas closer to population centres or visitation nodes, or on protecting important infrastructure. Further enquiries on such matters are best directed to the Minister for Environment
- (c) The funding available for bushfire risk mitigation on UCL/UMR is used for planning and conducting a variety of mitigation activities. These include on-ground mitigation works such as prescribed burning, or fire access tracks, firebreaks or alternative fuel modification treatments on the large proportion of the land concerned where prescribed burning is not effective. Other activities include training of Aboriginal rangers who work primarily on UCL.

Many of these activities cannot be related to specific areas of coverage, and therefore do not lend themselves to statements about the percentage of UCL mitigated as a result. Further enquiries on such matters are best directed to the Minister for Environment.

- (d) \$450,000.
- (e) None.

## ENVIRONMENT — KINGS PARK AND BOLD PARK — PERSONNEL

**5377. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) On the dates of 1 Feb 2016, 2 Nov 2015, how many of the following personnel were on duty at the Kings Park site:
  - (a) government employees;
  - (b) government student employees;
  - (c) contractors employed by Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority;

- (d) private contractors working on Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority projects;
  - (e) not-for-profit employees working on Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority projects;
  - (f) volunteers; and
  - (g) externally-funded scientific experts and students?
- (2) On the dates of 1 Feb 2016, 2 Nov 2015, 3 Aug 2015 how many of the following personnel were on duty at the Bold Park site:
- (a) government employees;
  - (b) government student employees;
  - (c) contractors employed by Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority;
  - (d) private contractors working on Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority projects;
  - (e) not-for-profit employees working on Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority projects;
  - (f) volunteers; and
  - (g) externally-funded scientific experts and students?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (1) 1 February 2016
- (a) 93.
  - (b) 10.
  - (c) 10.
  - (d) Two.
  - (e) Nil.
  - (f) 16.
  - (g) 35.
- 2 November 2015
- (a) 92.
  - (b) Seven.
  - (c) 14.
  - (d) Five.
  - (e) Nil.
  - (f) 34.
  - (g) 28.
- (2) 1 February 2016
- (a) Six.
  - (b) One.
  - (c) Nil.
  - (d) One.
  - (e)–(g) Nil.
- 2 November 2015
- (a) Five.
  - (b)–(f) Nil.
  - (g) Four.
- 3 August 2015
- (a) Five.
  - (b) One.
  - (c) One.
  - (d)–(g) Nil.

## ENVIRONMENT — ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986 — REFERRALS

**5378. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Environmental Protection Authority, for each of the financial years, 2014/15; 2013/14; 2012/13; 2011/12 2010/11:

- (a) how many referrals under section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* were received by the Environmental Protection Authority;
- (b) how many were refused to be acknowledged as referrals;
- (c) how many were subject to informal advice from the Environmental Protection Authority; and
- (d) how many progressed to formal assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (a) Referrals received by the Environmental Protection Authority under s38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*:

2014–15 – 70

2013–14 – 79

2012–13 – 66

2011–12 – 119

2010–11 – 105

- (b) Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* provides for the referral of significant proposals, that is, proposals likely to have a significant effect on the environment, to the Environmental Protection Authority. All referrals of significant proposals in this period were acknowledged as referrals. Proposals which are brought to the Environmental Protection Authority's attention which are clearly not significant, do not constitute referrals under section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

- (c) The Environmental Protection Authority carries out investigations and inquiries before deciding not to assess a proposal. In accordance with s39A(7), once the Environmental Protection Authority has determined not to assess a proposal, it may provide advice and make recommendations to the proponent, relevant person or authority. This is referred to as *public advice*. Proposals where public advice was issued with the Environmental Protection Authority's determination on the level of assessment are outlined below:

2014–15 – 21

2013–14 – 23

2012–13 – 22

2011–12 – 34

2010–11 – 24

- (d) The number of referrals that the Environmental Protection Authority determined required formal assessment are listed below:

2014–15 – 19

2013–14 – 18

2012–13 – 22

2011–12 – 17

2010–11 – 37

## ENVIRONMENT — ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICIES

**5379. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Does the Government currently utilise Environmental Protection Policies as a mechanism for controlling cumulative environmental impacts; and if so:

- (a) are cumulative impacts for the following currently being monitored by Office of the Environmental Protection Authority:

- (i) air quality deterioration;

- (ii) native vegetation loss;

- (iii) wetland loss; and

- (iv) nutrient discharge?

- (2) Will Environmental Protection Policies be developed by the Government to control:
- (a) air quality deterioration;
  - (b) native vegetation loss;
  - (c) wetland loss; and
  - (d) nutrient discharge?
- (3) Between 1 Nov 2014 and 1 February 2015, and 1 Nov 2015 and 1 Feb 2016:
- (a) how many people in the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority were working on reviewing Environmental Protection Policies;
  - (b) who did they consult with in these periods of time; and
  - (c) how many briefing notes were provided to the Minister on Environmental Protection Policies?
- (4) Which operational Environmental Protection Policies are currently under review?
- (5) What new Environmental Protection Policies are under consideration?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (1) There are currently four enacted Environmental Protection Policies:
- Environmental Protection (Goldfields Residential Areas) (Sulfur Dioxide) Policy 2003
- Environmental Protection (Kwinana) (Atmospheric Wastes) Policy 2009
- Environmental Protection (Peel Inlet – Harvey Estuary) Policy 1992
- Environmental Protection (Western Swamp Tortoise Habitat) Policy 2011.
- All of these Environmental Protection Policies have been designed to provide a decision making framework to address cumulative impacts. For example, the Environmental Protection (Goldfields Residential Areas) (Sulfur Dioxide) Policy 2003 specifies the maximum sulfur dioxide concentration permitted in the ambient air of an area defined in the Policy. This is then translated into licence conditions for facilities that emit sulphur dioxide.
- (a) No. However, monitoring and data collection for these matters may be undertaken by the relevant regulatory and technical agencies.
  - (2) There are not currently any new Environmental Protection Policies being prepared for the matters listed in the question.
  - (3)
    - (a) There were four officers who spent part of their time working on reviewing Environmental Protection Policies between 1 November 2014 and 1 February 2015. There were no officers working on reviewing Environmental Protection Policies between 1 November 2015 and 1 February 2016.
    - (b) The Department of Environment Regulation and Department of Parks and Wildlife were consulted between 1 November 2014 and 1 February 2015. No agencies were consulted between 1 November 2015 and 1 February 2016.
    - (c) There were two briefing notes on the review of Environmental Protection Policies submitted to the Minister for Environment between 1 November 2014 and 1 February 2015. There were no briefing notes on the review of Environmental Protection Policies submitted to the Minister for Environment between 1 November 2015 and 1 February 2016.
  - (4) None.
  - (5) There are not currently any new Environmental Protection Policies under consideration.

ENVIRONMENT — FIELD INSPECTION LICENCES

**5380. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) How many people were undertaking field inspections for the Department of Environmental Regulation on:
- (a) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Feb 2016;
  - (b) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Nov 2015; and
  - (c) 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Aug 2015?

- (2) For the years 2014/15; 2013/14; 2012/13; 2011/12 can you confirm for each type of licence issued under Part 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*:
- (a) how many complaints were received by the Department of Environmental Regulation/Department of Environment and Conservation;
  - (b) how many licences were the subject of complaint;
  - (c) how many resulted in the following actions:
    - (i) letters of warning;
    - (ii) infringements;
    - (iii) licence review/amendments;
    - (iv) environmental field notice;
    - (v) compliance inspection; and
    - (vi) corrective action; and
  - (d) for each category of licence issued under Part 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*:
    - (i) how many are still active; and
    - (ii) between 1 July 2014 and 1 July 2015, how many sites were physically inspected?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (1) The number of staff attending compliance inspections is as follows:
- (a) 2 February 2016: 14 officers  
3 February 2016: 10 officers  
4 February 2016: 10 officers  
5 February 2016: 1 officer  
6 February 2016: Nil officers
  - (b)–(c) Nil.
- (2) (a)–(c) The information requested cannot be provided by licence type as the Department's Incident and Complaints Management System does not record a complaint by licence type. Each complaint would need to be interrogated individually to determine if it was related to a licence type and collation of this information is a resource intensive task that will involve substantial resources and I am not prepared to divert valuable staff resources away from other duties to this task.
- (d) (i) As at 12 May 2016, there were 949 licences and 550 works approvals active.  
(ii) 671 sites.

ATTORNEY GENERAL — PUBLIC PURPOSES TRUST

**5381. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to 2016–17 Public Purposes Trust (PPT) funding, and I ask:

- (a) has the 2016–17 PPT grant amount been approved for payment, and if so how much has been approved;
- (b) how many organisations have applied for PPT funding for 2016–17;
- (c) how many organisations have been awarded PPT grants for 2016–17; and
- (d) for the organisations in , what are their names, and how much will each receive?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

The answers below are based on information from the Law Society of Western Australia.

- (a) The sum of \$2,076,529 has been approved for allocation in 2016–17.
- (b) 27
- (c) 20
- (d) [See tabled paper no 4136.]

## ATTORNEY GENERAL — PUBLIC PURPOSES TRUST

**5382. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to 2015–16 Public Purposes Trust (PPT) funding, and I ask:

- (a) what is the total amount of funds to be allocated from the PPT to the Law Society in 2015–16;
- (b) are there any other funds from the PPT to be allocated to any other organisation and if so, what organisations;
- (c) what was the total number of applications for PPT funding received in 2015–16 to date;
- (d) what organisations have received PPT funding in 2015–16 to date; and
- (e) further to (d), how much was each grant and for what period?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

The answers below are based on information provided by the Law Society of Western Australia.

- (a) \$10,000
- (b) Other organisations in receipt of funding in 2015–16 are listed below:
  - Advocare Incorporated
  - Australian Red Cross
  - Bunbury Community Legal Centre
  - CASE for Refugees
  - Catherine Ann Fletcher
  - City of Gosnells
  - Consumer Credit Legal Service WA Inc.
  - Financial Counsellors Association of WA
  - University of Western Australia
  - Murdoch University
  - Welfare Rights & Advocacy Service
  - Citizens Advice Bureau of WA
  - Employment Law Centre of WA
  - Francis Burt Law Education Programme
  - Fremantle Community Legal Centre
  - Gosnells Community Legal Centre
  - Jacaranda Community Centre
  - Law Access
  - Midland Information, Debt & Legal Advocacy Service Inc.
  - Pilbara Community Legal Service
  - Sussex Street Community Law Service
  - Mental Health Law Centre
  - Youth Legal Service
- (c) 27
- (d) The Law Society of Western Australia as well as organisations listed in (b) received funding in 2015–16.
- (e) [See tabled paper no 4137.]

## TRANSPORT — CHARLES STREET BUS INFRASTRUCTURE

**5383. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Charles Street bus bridge and busway, in particular the bus lanes to be built from Violet Street to the new bridge and ask:

- (a) will these bus lanes be separated from other normal traffic lanes by kerbing or lane markings;

- (b) does the plan include cycle lanes between Violet and Newcastle streets;
- (c) what is the plan for buses north of Violet Street and is there a plan to extend the bus-only lanes in the future;
- (d) how many city bound buses will no longer use Fitzgerald Street, between Carr Street and James Street when the project is complete, for:
  - (i) the morning peak period; and
  - (ii) the afternoon peak period; and
- (e) based on the Minister's traffic modelling, what is the number of vehicles expected to use the new Roe Street freeway exit?

**Mr D.C. Nalder replied:**

- (a) The opposing bus lanes will be separated by a small back to back kerb, or similar (final confirmation is pending detailed design). The respective south bound and north bound bus lane will be separated from respective south bound and north bound traffic by lane markings.
- (b) No, due to traffic and geometric constraints.
- (c) The feasibility of a south bound kerb-side bus lane to run along Charles Street, north of Vincent Street are being investigated
- (d)
  - (i) 120
  - (ii) 70
- (e) The number of vehicles expected to use the new Roe Street freeway off-ramp are:
  - 2021 am peak: 700 vehicles per hour
  - 2021 pm peak: 500 vehicles per hour
  - 2021 all day: 8,500 vehicles

PLANNING — SWAN VALLEY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**5384. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the draft Swan Valley Development Plan and ask:

- (a) when does the Government plan to release the final plan;
- (b) will the Government be introducing legislation in 2016 to amend the current Swan Valley legislation; and
- (c) will the Minister be ensuring changes are made to the draft plan to ensure houses are not shown to be demolished in the Herne Hill townsite?

**Mr J. Norberger replied:**

- (a) The Swan Valley Development Plan will be released following consideration of submissions received during the consultation period by the WAPC and the Government.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) The draft Swan Valley Development Plan does not propose the demolition of any houses in the Herne Hill townsite. The Chairperson of the Western Australian Planning Commission has written to residents of Herne Hill clarifying that misunderstanding.

PLANNING — ALKIMOS AND NEERABUP —  
REGIONAL OPEN SPACE AND INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVES

**5385. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the former Minister for Planning's announcement that an agreement between the Western Australian Planning Commission and LandCorp had enabled the commission to purchase 100 hectares in Alkimos, and 350ha in Neerabup for regional open space and infrastructure reserves and ask:

- (a) what is the location of the 350ha of land in Neerabup;
- (b) how much was the Neerabup land purchased for and what was the source of funds; and
- (c) has any funding been allocated for the development of the regional open space?



**Mr J. Norberger replied:**

- (a) Flynn Drive, Neerabup (just east of Wanneroo Road)
- (b) The contract terms are still being finalised for a settlement on or before 30 June 2016. The cash adjustment is to be from the Metropolitan Region Improvement Fund.
- (c) Management of this property will be included and absorbed into the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) property management program.

MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SERVICES PLAN —  
MENTAL HEALTH BEDS — PEEL

**5407. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the Western Australian Mental Health Alcohol and other Drug Services Plan 2015–2025 (plan) and ask:

- (a) of the 10 beds announced in the Plan for Peel, how many mental health beds will be located at the Peel Health Campus;
- (b) if none, why;
- (c) when will the 10 mental health beds be available for patients and where will those beds be located; and
- (d) what age group will these beds be available for?

**Ms A.R. Mitchell replied:**

- (a) None.
  - (b) The 10 beds in the Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015–2025: Better Choices. Better Lives, are mental health community beds. With regard to service delivery of mental health community beds, evidence and best practice shows that outcomes are better achieved if these beds are not located on a hospital site.
  - (c) These are to be located in Rockingham, and will be operational in the second half of 2016.
  - (d) These beds will be available for adults (18–64 years).
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