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**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams)** took the chair at 2.03 pm, and read prayers.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER — DIVISION BELLS

*Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** Members, I am glad to see you all here without the assistance of the bells. I inform you at this moment that the bell system is not working, nor is the public address system. If needs be for a division later on today and the bells are not working, yes, one of you will be designated as the bellringer and sent around the building! Seriously, that is what will happen. It will not be a member, obviously; it will be a member of staff. But if we do need to use the handbells as in previous years, they will be used. Members, I appreciate your cooperation in this. If we do reach that point, from my perspective, I will be extending the time permitted for the division bell to be rung, so you will have an opportunity to get out of this place and get back into it in due time, one would hope. I do not think I can provide any further instruction along those lines.

## PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY — LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

*Statement by Leader of the Opposition*

**MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Leader of the Opposition)** [2.04 pm]: I am pleased to see that Parliament has a very Christmassy feel to it, Mr Speaker.

I advise the house that on 23 January 2012 I was appointed leader of the state Parliamentary Labor Party. I also advise that the member for Midland has been appointed as the manager of opposition business.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER — SEATING ARRANGEMENTS; TELEVISION CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

*Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** A few things have happened today that are, I will not say curious, but a little out of the ordinary. With respect to the Leader of the Opposition's statement, I advise the house that I have approved an amended seating plan. The Leader of the Opposition and I have spoken about that.

Further, I provide members with the information that I have approved the presence of television cameras this afternoon in the north and south doors of the chamber in the public and press galleries to film the commencement of question time. In accordance with standing arrangements, a press photographer will also be taking photographs from the public gallery for the first 10 minutes of question time. I make that clear not only to members but also to those who are in the press gallery.

## BARNETT MINISTRY — CHANGES

*Statement by Premier*

**MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier)** [2.06 pm]: I take this opportunity to inform members of a change to the ministry that was confirmed on 6 December 2011. The change involved only two ministers: Hon Rob Johnson will continue as Minister for Police; Road Safety, and Hon Troy Buswell has been allocated Emergency Services in addition to his Transport and Housing responsibilities. Minister Johnson will remain Leader of the House in the Legislative Assembly. For the information of members, I table a list of the new ministry and new administrative arrangements between the houses for representation of ministers.

[See paper 4403.]

## DONATELIFE WEEK — ORGAN DONATION

*Statement by Minister for Health*

**DR K.D. HAMES (Dawesville — Minister for Health)** [2.07 pm]: I rise today to call on members of this place to consider registering as an organ donor, if they have not already done so. As members may be aware, this week marks DonateLife Week around Australia. Everyone is being asked to discuss their wishes for organ donation with families and loved ones.

Organ donation is not simply a yes or no answer; it is a very personal issue that has social and cultural aspects to it that deserve respect and attention. Last year in our state, 101 people were recipients of donated organs and tissue. There were 33 organ donors, up from 22 the previous year. The organ donation rate in Western Australia is 14.1 per million people. That is below the national average of 14.9. The best way for us to increase our rate of organ donation is to encourage people to sign up to the Australian Organ Donation Register run by Medicare.

The register allows people to either register their intent to be an organ donor or take up the option to complete a comprehensive form, which means they have a legally valid consent to registration. Either way, their wishes are registered and can be accessed by health professionals. There is also an option for conscientious objectors to ensure their desire not to be an organ donor is respected.

More than 700 000 people in Western Australia have either registered their intent to be an organ donor or have completed the full process for a legally valid consent to registration. This is almost 30 per cent of the total Western Australian population. DonateLife states this is in fact closer to 40 per cent when we exclude people under the age of 16 years who cannot legally register an organ donation decision. Of course, even for people who have registered their organ donation decision, nothing replaces a sensitive and well-timed conversation with family to ensure wishes are known. Family members have the last say on whether anyone becomes an organ donor, so they are the most crucial people to discuss this issue with.

Most members in this house have a computer before them. I challenge everyone in this place to go online at [www.donorregister.gov.au](http://www.donorregister.gov.au) to check whether they are registered as an organ donor or consider registering their organ donation decision to mark this year's DonateLife Week. I also have lapel pins available for any member who wishes to wear one.

**ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRY STANDING COMMITTEE — TENTH REPORT —  
“RESPONSE TO HOUSE — MATTER OF PARK HOME RESIDENTS”**

*Government Response — Statement by Minister for Housing*

**MR T.R. BUSWELL (Vasse — Minister for Housing)** [2.10 pm]: I present the Western Australian government's response to the Legislative Assembly Economics and Industry Standing Committee tenth report in relation to park home residents. The purpose of this document is to provide the government response to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee's tenth report, “Response to House — Matter of Park Home Residents”.

A motion passed by the Legislative Assembly on 13 April 2011 requested that the committee consider the appropriateness of undertaking an investigation into all park homes that have been closed or have collectively evicted long-stay tenants since 2006, to ensure compliance with all aspects of appropriate legislation. Public hearings were conducted in late August 2011 and the Departments of Commerce, Housing, Tourism, Local Government, Environment and Conservation, and Planning gave evidence at the hearings. The committee found that —

... the general level of compliance with the RPLT Act appears sufficient to negate the need for a broader investigation into park closures at this time.

The report made 11 recommendations. The government broadly supports the majority of the recommendations, and notes that considerable progress has already been made in implementing a number of the recommendations.

In preparing the government's response, the Minister for Commerce consulted with relevant ministers for their input in relation to each of the recommendations. These responses were subsequently amalgamated to provide this single coordinated government response. The government is strongly committed to addressing issues impacting long-term tenants residing at residential parks. The 2012 statutory review of the operation of the act will be brought forward. A public consultation paper inviting stakeholders to provide input to the review will be released in June this year, and I table the response.

[See paper 4404.]

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**COST OF LIVING — FEES AND CHARGES**

**1. Mr M. McGOWAN to the Premier:**

Mr Speaker, if you will just indulge me a second, can I congratulate you on the good job you do as Speaker of the house, and thank you for that. We might have had a few difficulties in the dying days of last year, but I am sure we will get on well for the coming year. I thank the Premier for his kind phone call on my arrival in this role, and for his congratulations earlier today in the house. I also acknowledge the member for Belmont, who is an outstanding parliamentarian; I wish him all the best in his remaining year in the Parliament and for life beyond this place.

Opposition members: Hear, hear!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** I refer to the Western Australian Council of Social Service “The Rising Cost of Living in WA” report released in December 2011, which highlights that 19 417 referrals were made to financial counsellors in the last financial year due to rising utility prices, compared with 9 456 referrals in the previous year.

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that his government has recently slashed funding for 23 financial counsellors provided by organisations such as Anglicare?
- (2) What commitment can the Premier give to immediately reversing this decision?
- (3) Will the Premier commit, in the upcoming budget, to not inflicting more savage increases to fees and charges on Western Australian families?

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

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question, and I again repeat my congratulations on his election as opposition Labor leader; I wish him well.

- (1)–(3) Perth is the twelfth most expensive city in the world to live in, which is sort of a chilling realisation. We are not the most the expensive city in Australia—Sydney and Melbourne are more expensive—but, nevertheless, that is the reality; the cost of living is high here. There are a number of reasons for that: the strength of the economy; demand on services; and, yes, electricity prices are a factor.

But do not underestimate the understanding of the public of Western Australia. The public of Western Australia well know that the Labor Party was advised, when in government, that electricity prices had to rise in the order of 70 per cent, and it was the Labor Party that promised the people of Western Australia that when it broke up Western Power, electricity prices would fall. No matter how long the opposition carries on with this, it underestimates the understanding of the public of Western Australia. The public understands.

This government did not run away from the hard decision. We did not duck the decision, we did not try to deceive the public; we told them the truth and we said that electricity prices will need to rise. They have risen over two successive years, and last year by five per cent. We made the hard decisions and the community knows that that bullet has been bitten. For as long as members opposite pretend that their policies succeeded when everyone knows they were an abject failure, they will not be taken seriously. Has the Labor Party already forgotten that this government provided a 25 per cent across-the-board funding increase for over 500 community organisations in the state? Those organisations can spend that it as they wish. When groups such as the Western Australian Council of Social Service told the former government that wages were too low and services were inadequate, the Labor government ignored them. This government provided a 25 per cent increase, which is \$604 million extra. That is one of the proudest decisions of this government. The true believers opposite—the Labor Party; the carers for the underprivileged—told them to go away.

**COST OF LIVING — FEES AND CHARGES**

**2. Mr M. McGOWAN to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Can the Premier explain to the house why, in light of this report, he has slashed the positions of 23 financial counsellors who are helping people cope with the government's rising utility prices?

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

We have twice expanded the assistance under the hardship utility grant scheme. The Leader of the Opposition talked about financial advisors employed by —

**Mr E.S. Ripper:** Answer the question.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** The member for Belmont has had his day. Stay quiet up there. Just sit back and relax.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Yes, but I came back; he will not! As much as I wish him well, he will not come back.

I do not know the details of the Anglicare staff. That is a matter for Anglicare. If the Leader of the Opposition wants to put a question on notice, I am happy to answer it. Our funding for not-for-profit organisations has gone up across the board, and we do not dictate to them how they use that money; it is up to them. Presumably, they have decided to use it to provide better services directly to the people. No other government has had a social commitment like this government.

**HOSPITAL MORTALITY RATES — FOUR-HOUR RULE**

**3. Mr A.P. JACOB to the Minister for Health:**

I noted in a newspaper article this month that the *Medical Journal of Australia* published research findings that an estimated 267 lives were saved at three Perth hospitals in 2010–11 because of the four-hour rule. This research paints a very different picture of the four-hour rule from that put forward by the opposition, which is of a system that has failed. Can the minister please clarify whether the four-hour rule is saving lives in Perth, as claimed in the *Medical Journal of Australia*?

**Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

It was an excellent article by Dr Gary Geelhoed, who is a former president of the Australian Medical Association, as many members would know, and Nicholas de Klerk, who looked at all the emergency department data and mortality figures for our hospitals. As I have said in the house before, there was a strong suggestion that the changes that we put in place would result in a significant drop in mortality rates, and I am very pleased that that has indeed occurred. It made sense that it would occur because in the early 2000s, Dr Sprivulus from Fremantle Hospital wrote a report that said that each year about 120 people died in our tertiary hospitals as a result of delays in accessing a bed in a hospital. The prolonged eight-hour wait under the former government was reaching between 40 and 50 per cent of cases. Dr Sprivulus said that every year 120 people were dying. Behind that figure was a huge number of people having increased morbidity. Morbidity means that if a person has an injured leg, the leg might be saved or it could be lost without the right treatment. The loss of the leg is an increase in the morbidity rate if the treatment was inadequate. There were about another 800 cases of morbidity behind the figure of 120 patients who were dying. We predicted that when we brought in the four-hour rule, it would significantly reduce the eight-hour ED waiting times—the figure has decreased from 40 to 50 per cent to 10 or 15 per cent—and that there would be a subsequent reduction in mortality rates. Indeed, that is what has occurred. The study undertaken by Dr Geelhoed showed 80 fewer deaths in our tertiary hospitals this year compared with last year. When we factor into that the 10 per cent increase in demand in hospitals, the fact that the figure of 120 came from the early 2000s, and what the graph would have shown with the increase in demand and how many more people we would have expected to die in our hospitals, it means a total of 267 lives have been saved as a result of the introduction of the four-hour rule.

It has been a fantastic outcome; I had great pleasure, I have to say, in presenting a copy of the report to the new federal health minister, to continue the federal government's encouragement of all the other states and territories that now have to follow Western Australia's lead as part of the federal-state agreements on health, and its introduction of the same system into all the other states and territories.

**Mr B.J. Grylls:** Leading the way.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** Absolutely, as usual.

I expect to see a similar reduction in mortality in those other states and territories as they get their figures down. We went from being the worst in Australia for eight-hour waits under the former Labor government, to now being easily the best in Australia. We are already well ahead of the new federal targets that have been set for the four-hour rule program across Australia. It is a fantastic outcome, and I want to congratulate all the hospital staff and the full range of people looking after patients. This was not just a problem for emergency departments, wards, doctors or nurses; it was a problem across the system, and changes had to be made across the system to turn around the ship that is the health system, and totally change the way that it operates. It has been a hard road, and the hospital system has put in a huge effort to achieve this outcome. I want to congratulate it on this fantastic outcome.

#### MARGARET RIVER BUSHFIRES — KEELTY REPORT

#### 4. **Mr M. McGOWAN to the Premier:**

I refer to the Keelty inquiry into the Margaret River bushfire, which was handed to the government 22 days ago, on 30 January.

- (1) When will the Premier release the report of the inquiry and give the people of Margaret River the answers they deserve?
- (2) Does the Premier support Lyndon Rowe's comment that the state government needs to compensate fully those who are adversely impacted by the Department of Environment and Conservation's actions?
- (3) If any agencies, in any way, mishandled the fire or made errors of judgement, will the Premier commit to immediate and full compensation to the victims?
- (4) Can the Premier give an assurance that DEC and the Fire and Emergency Services Authority received their full budget requests for firefighting in the 2011–12 budget round?

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

- (1)–(4) The budget process is one of agencies, including DEC and FESA, putting in their requests. That does not mean that the requests will necessarily be approved, and as any member who has been in government will understand, the budget process is a process of ranking priorities both between agencies and within agencies and the like; as if a request deems that it must be met.

**Mr M. McGowan:** It's an interesting point, though, isn't it? It's important to know.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** No, it is not. I do not think it is an interesting point at all; it applies to every agency.

**Mr M. McGowan:** It's important to know in light of what happened.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members!

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** With respect to the first Keelty report, relating to the hills bushfires, this government is taking measures and a fire and emergency services commissioner will be established for Western Australia. The second Keelty report will be tabled later this week by way of a ministerial statement and the opposition will be given a copy two hours in advance. When I present that report and table it, I will provide a detailed response to the specific recommendations made by Mick Keelty and I will also outline some further measures that the state has taken beyond the Keelty recommendations. But alas, I will not comment on that report until it is tabled, and that will be later this week.

#### MARGARET RIVER BUSHFIRES — KEELTY REPORT

##### 5. **Mr M. McGOWAN to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Will the Premier release information on the budget requests of DEC and FESA in the last financial year for firefighting purposes, so the public can understand whether or not their requests were denied, which may have contributed to what took place?

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

What a fanciful proposition! To answer the question: no, I will not release details of the budget process; I will not, and no responsible Premier or Treasurer would.

**Mr M. McGowan:** All these people lost their houses; you're not going to be honest with them.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** If the Leader of the Opposition wants to make a claim about FESA's budget or the way the minister or the government handled it, by all means he should make the claim but he should not think that he can go trolling through the records of this government. It will not happen.

#### TRANSPORT — INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

##### 6. **Mr P.T. MILES to the Minister for Transport:**

I note the government's record commitment to transport and infrastructure over the last three years. Can the minister please outline how this positively impacts the people of Wanneroo in my electorate?

**Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:**

That is an absolutely brilliant question. I will run through some of the details of the government's investment in transport and then we might look at some of the benefits being enjoyed by the residents of Wanneroo. We have been up there a few times recently. The residents seem very happy with their local member and with the government.

Let us start with buses. For the information of members opposite, they are those big green things. The government has committed \$430 million to replace 650 buses, \$90 million to buy another 160 new buses, many of which are now in Wanneroo, and \$87 million to enable them to run around the roads. That means that those people whom we visited in Banksia Grove now have much-improved bus services. Those people in Landsdale have new routes that service them. Those people in Ashby and Tapping, who have never seen a big green thing in their streets, now have buses. The point I am trying to make is that that massive investment in buses translates to better transport outcomes for people in the suburbs of the electorate of the member for Wanneroo.

In relation to trains, we have committed \$165 million to buy 45 new railcars.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** Are they in the forward estimates?

**Mr T.R. BUSWELL:** They have been ordered. That is where we signed a binding order. If they were due today, the member for Cannington should have ordered them when he was in government. Obviously, he did not think they were necessary. A total of \$240 million has been committed to extending the railway line to Butler and \$360 million has been allocated to sinking the railway line in the middle of Perth; a project that is proceeding exceptionally well. It is on time and on budget. Really importantly, nearly 3 000 new car parking bays have been built up and down the Mandurah line. Last week we opened 484 in Stirling, 300 in Greenwood, 210 in Whitfords and 160 in Edgewater. That is where people park their cars before they get on the trains—the one thing the Labor Party forgot to build along train lines.

In relation to roads, \$30 million has been committed to widen the Mitchell Freeway between Hepburn Avenue and Hodges Drive.

**Mr A.P. O'Gorman:** That's one-way. You can't get to work on time. You've got to give them a note.

**Mr T.R. BUSWELL:** I thought the member for Joondalup would pop up. It is not the seventeenth!

I asked Main Roads when was the last time the Mitchell Freeway was widened. It was widened under the Court government. That means that the member for Wanneroo's constituents can move backwards and forwards into the city more quickly. In fact, in relation to local roads, last year we were up at Lake Joondalup Lifestyle Village, where traffic lights are being put in so that the people who live there can get in and out of Wanneroo Road safely. That is something they have been asking for for years. We have just announced the upgrade of the Flynn Drive and Wanneroo Road intersection, a project that the Labor mayor for Wanneroo, Mr Kelly, could not deliver. I say to the member for Mindarie that that is now happening. I am sorry that he missed out on an invite to that.

Last week the Premier participated, with the member for Ocean Reef, in the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the state government, the Department of Planning and the Department of Transport with the City of Joondalup to deliver that much-needed Ocean Reef marina. The member for Joondalup says "no money", but we believe in planning and making sure it works, it meets the needs of the local community and it does the job properly. That is now all in place. I am nearly done. Mr Speaker, can you imagine my surprise when I pick up the *Joondalup Times* and see the newly minted Leader of the Opposition with local MLA Tony O'Gorman talking about what the government has done. On the same day that the Premier announced what the City of Joondalup has been asking for for years and years, he said that progress on the marina facility has been slow. He said that other major infrastructure such as widening the freeway is not happening. It is, member for Joondalup!

**Mr A.P. O'Gorman:** One way!

**Mr T.R. BUSWELL:** The member for Joondalup said that the Wanneroo electorate requires urgent funding for transport.

I will close with this map—I am holding it up to show members—of all of the new bus routes that have been put on in the northern suburbs. It is raining buses in the northern suburbs! The people of Wanneroo are enjoying the benefit of this government's investment in public transport, as the member for Wanneroo indicated. It is a record level of investment in road infrastructure and a record level of investment in public transport infrastructure.

#### KIMBERLEY ULTRAMARATHON — EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK FIRE

##### 7. **Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Tourism:**

I refer to a number of news articles from December last year concerning the Kimberley Ultramarathon 2011 in which, according to my notes, the minister stated, "the Government had a moral obligation to investigate factors which led to 2 women being severely burned".

- (1) Why will the minister not have a full judicial inquiry into the ultra-marathon and the human tragedy that resulted from it?
- (2) Why will the minister or his government not fulfil its "moral obligation"?
- (3) Why did the minister write a letter to Kate Sanderson on 23 December last year, after Parliament had risen just before Christmas, in which according to my notes he stated, "I am particularly disappointed that I have not been able to find a way for the Western Australian Government to conduct a formal inquiry", when the minister knew full well that he could establish an independent judicial inquiry?

**Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

- (1)–(3) I wrote to the member saying those words because they are exactly true. This is a deeply concerning event that has occurred. I have huge sympathy for those who were involved and I would like to have had an inquiry. I had a meeting with Kate Sanderson's brother to discuss this matter at his request and I was very keen on finding a way to hold an inquiry. The reason for that was not as much about concern for government actions, but more about information I had that there had been an inquiry by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority and an inquiry by the WA Police, and they had found no wrongdoing on the part of government agencies or in fact any deliberate lighting of the fire. The fire, in fact, had been burning for about five days.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** They are not public, though, are they?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** No; I am getting to that.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** There is no satisfaction there.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I understand that; I am getting to that.

My view was that it seemed to me that the company responsible for managing the event, RacingThePlanet, had fulfilled the obligations of an event organiser in the way that the event was conducted and that there was an opportunity for those who were hurt to be able to sue that company for its behaviour. I wanted the state government to hold an inquiry. Remember that it was a private event on private land —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Sponsored by your government that three ministers lauded and said you'd given money to.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** If the member would let me finish, it was a private event on private land and the competitors had waived their rights. Mr Sanderson made a very good point that in waiving their rights against the company, they did not expect to go away maimed by severe burns. It is a very good point, but at the end how do we have an inquiry?

**Mr J.N. Hyde:** Why did you sponsor it?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I wrote to the Public Service Commissioner, Mr Wauchope, asking him to investigate and find a way for me to hold an inquiry into this event, and asking him what powers I had to do that because that was what in fact I would like to do. He had a look at that and came back to me and said there was no power under which I could hold an inquiry into that event; so I passed that information on to the family.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** You are always at liberty to have a judicial inquiry; any government can do it. You know that.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** In terms of the sponsorship, remember that this is the second year of the event. The event was held previously in the Kimberley with no involvement by Tourism WA. In fact, we refused to participate with funding at the time. It was a successful event and Tourism WA saw an opportunity to get international exposure by an event that is run worldwide by an international company; so we contracted to a company to do film footage. There was also a component of funding —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Did you give that money to RacingThePlanet or to a film company?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** Both.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Both?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** We have not paid both. We contracted for both. We contracted money for the film footage and an administration component to RacingThePlanet. That amount has not been paid, nor will it be paid, because the event was not concluded. We have had to pay some funds—about \$80 000-odd—to the separate company with a private contract to do the film footage because it had undertaken that work. It is not associated with the RacingThePlanet group.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Is that the production company, Beyond Action, from Sydney.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** Yes; that is the company.

Mr Speaker, there is no mechanism. Now, remember, since that time, a freedom of information application has made public the report of the police and the Fire and Emergency Services Authority, and I understand that Mr Wauchope is again looking through the recommendations of that report as to whether there is an opportunity for the government to hold an inquiry. I anticipate that in the not-too-distant future he will release that report. In fact, my understanding, from his office, is that he will release it publicly. When that report is available, if he indicates a mechanism by which this government can hold an inquiry, I will do it. However, his advice would need to change from the last advice that I had from him.

#### KIMBERLEY ULTRAMARATHON — EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK FIRE

##### 8. **Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Tourism:**

I have a supplementary question. Why is it that the government saw fit to very quickly establish an independent inquiry into the Margaret River property fires in which 40 homes were lost, but will not hold an independent inquiry into the human tragedy of the Kimberley Ultramarathon in which two women's lives were tragically wrecked.

**Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

I appreciate that we all need to have deep sympathy for those involved in the event and whose lives have been significantly altered by their severe burns. But there is quite clearly a significant difference between the two events. One is a fire associated with state government agencies and questions about the management of state government agencies in terms of the consequences of that fire. The second, the Kimberley Ultramarathon, is a private event, run by a private company on private property. There is a clear, landmarked, difference between the two. When there are events, unfortunate as they may be, and those sorts of things occur in other areas of public life, the government cannot initiate judicial inquiries into every adverse outcome in the state.

#### NATIVE TITLE OFFER — SOUTH WEST ABORIGINAL LAND AND SEA COUNCIL

##### 9. **Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Attorney General:**

Will the Attorney General please outline the parameters that will now guide the negotiations for the recent native title offer to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council?

**Mr C.C. PORTER replied:**

I thank the member for her question. It is a very helpful and timely question.

In the view of the government, what we are seeking to achieve with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council is so obviously and rationally the proper and best way to resolve the issue we now face with native title in the south west that the more people who know as much detail as possible about what we are trying to achieve—particularly the opinion leaders in this Parliament—and who can disseminate that information, the higher the prospect that we will draw this negotiation to a conclusion.

I seek to give some broad idea about how this settlement is hoped to be achieved. There are presently six different claimant groups: one over the Perth metropolitan area; the second over the Jurien–Moora–Lancelin–Gingin area; the third over Mandurah, Bunbury and Donnybrook; the fourth over Busselton, Dunsborough, Margaret River, Pemberton and Nannup; the fifth over Katanning and Albany; and the sixth and final over York, Northam, Hyden and Kondinin. Members will see that the six claimant groups represent a claim over a massive area of land. The claims are complicated in their respective legal bases and strength, and they are complicated by the fact that they are overlapping. The government is seeking to bring all those claims to a once-and-for-all final resolution, and it is doing that in a way that is inherently practical and inherently contractual. The government will do something, and do something very significant, to try to reach an agreement. It will do three things. Let me start first with the native title claimants and the three things that they appear willing to do at this stage. The native title claimants will enter into consent determinations with the view that the agreement would be that no native title exists in relation to any of those six claim areas. That is the first thing.

The second thing is that, in doing that, the native title claimants would agree to the resolution of all overlapping native title claims in the south west region. The third thing that native title claimants would agree to is that all compensation liabilities arising from the south west claims would be fully and finally discharged by any agreement that is reached. These are significant concessions for Nyoongah people to be willing to make. In recognition of those potential concessions, the government is also willing to contribute in a very substantial way.

The way in which the final agreement would be reached is through a variety of Indigenous land use agreements. If members like, they would form the actual contractual document in which the Indigenous people would make those three significant concessions, and the government would agree to six things in those ILUAs. Firstly, there would be an agreement from the government for a very significant financial contribution to an investment trust to be paid over a period of 10 years. While those payments are going into the trust over the 10 years, the trust could not be drawn down upon in any way—not in capital or in interest—so that the 10-year period would allow that trust to build up.

Secondly, the government, in addition to building up that trust fund over 10 years, would make direct financial contributions to the administration of a governance structure for the Nyoongah people and those six claimant groups. That would also take place over a period of time. Very briefly and in core summary, that government structure would have a central Nyoongah administration and coordination body, six regional Nyoongah councils and a local office of administration for each, representing the six claimant groups, and a Nyoongah trust managing the assets and land arising from the south west settlement. The trust would be the peak body that would eventually determine how interest on the trust funds would be expended. Perhaps in another question we can go into some more detail about that issue.

The third thing the government has indicated a willingness to do is create a Nyoongah land estate in addition to those two types of financial compensation that I mentioned. That is a process of negotiation that we are in at the moment to identify land parcels, which, as soon as practicable upon the execution of the ILUAs, could be transferred into the ownership of the trust. There would also be a process, identified by agreement, in which ongoing parcels of land could be identified and transferred.

The fourth thing is joint management of conservation estate and access to other state lands. It is again a very important concession on the part of the government.

The fifth thing is that we have taken the opportunity in the process of these already quite complicated negotiations to present streamlined Aboriginal heritage protocols. That system works in a very clunky way at the moment. The goodwill of the Nyoongah people is such that they are willing to look at that issue in the context of this resolution.

Sixthly, the government has indicated a willingness to establish a Nyoongah cultural and interpretive centre. All of this is a very practical act of reconciliation. The one significant symbolic measure in all of this would be an act, potentially of this Parliament, to recognise Nyoongah people as the traditional custodians and owners of the land, over which native title would, by agreement, be extinguished.

The Premier spoke at the first of the negotiation meetings. Should this deal occur, it would be, first of all, historic. Secondly, it has taken a colossal amount of work to get this far. I thank the South West Aboriginal Land

and Sea Council, the Department of the Attorney General and the Office of Native Title, although there is much work to do.

I close by saying that for all members present I will be arranging by email full briefings from the Office of Native Title on exactly how the details of this package are structured. I would hope that that could serve the bipartisan purpose as follows: to understand what we are trying to do as a Parliament with respect to these six complicated and overlapping claims, the great welfare benefits it can engender for Nyoongah people and the final certainty it can give both to Nyoongah people and to a whole range of landowners in the region we have talked about and to understand the parameters of this deal and communicate that deal to people who are at the moment, at Heirisson Island and other places, protesting against that deal. The government considers that if people actually knew what this could achieve, it would be very difficult to rationally oppose it.

#### KIMBERLEY ULTRAMARATHON — GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT

##### **10. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Tourism:**

I refer to the Kimberley Ultramarathon race held last year and ask —

- (1) What contracts or arrangements were in place between the minister's agencies and the organisation known as RacingThePlanet?
- (2) Will the minister table any such contracts or arrangements; and, if not, why not?
- (3) How much state government funding was provided or was intended to be provided to the Kimberley Ultramarathon and for what purpose was the funding?
- (4) What did the formal risk assessment entail that the minister claims was required before sponsorship from his agency was granted?

##### **Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

- (1)–(2) I thought I had answered most of those questions in the first answer, so it is interesting that the member should repeat them all. That is a problem with prepared questions and the inability to modify questions when members are on their feet.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Will you table the contracts or not?

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

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** You haven't answered them specifically.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** No; I have not, but I have answered a significant portion of the question already, particularly the issue about the money—the amounts, who we sponsored and who we paid. I have been through things already.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I would like a thorough answer if you don't mind.

**Mr M. McGowan:** Don't be arrogant about this.

**The SPEAKER:** One person has asked the question and I expect one person to answer. I do not want contributions from other people in this place at this moment.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I will answer those components of the question that I have not answered—one being the tabling of the contract. No; I am not in a position to table that contract. We do not table any contracts we have with different organisations; in fact, neither did the member for Midland when she was Minister for Tourism.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I was never Minister for Tourism, so get your facts straight.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I apologise for that confusion; nevertheless, the former Minister for Tourism—and I have to admit I was confusing —

**Mr M.J. Cowper** interjected.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** Yes. Indeed; I do not know why I would do that.

Those things are just not done; they are private contracts and if we were to release them, it would totally emasculate the ability of Tourism WA to deal with any events organisation wanting to work with the Western Australian government. It would fail completely if we did that. There were requirements in that contract, including risk assessment. The company was required, as part of that contract, to undertake certain actions particularly in dealing with groups such as FESA and in making sure they ran the event in a safe way. Those contracts were put in place.

I have missed answering a component in the member's question; can she quickly repeat it?

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I want to know what the formal risk assessment actually entailed, and did the minister ensure that they fulfilled their obligations under the contract.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I have just said that we will not be tabling that contract. We have to ask: why is it that there is a request for an inquiry? There is a request for an inquiry because two people have received life-threatening injuries as a result of actions that occurred by a private company on private property in the Kimberley.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Hosting the ultra-marathon.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I will give you an opportunity to ask a supplementary question. I would like to hear the answer.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** What is it that an inquiry will try to achieve? It would be to provide the people who are injured with some opportunity for recompense—for compensation—for future care; to provide answers about what that private company did wrong. I understand that desire for them to know how those things occurred. Remember that the CEO of the company was one of those involved in the event. She was in the event and was herself burnt, so whatever actions occurred by the company, by the CEO managing the company, affected her as well; sure—not severely; nevertheless, she was there. I understand the family’s desire to want to get from the company certain things and to prove that, in effect, the company was negligent, but it is not the role of government to prove negligence of a private company; that is not the role of government

#### KIMBERLEY ULTRAMARATHON — EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK FIRE

##### 11. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Tourism:

I have a supplementary question. Was it or was it not a requirement that RacingThePlanet had liability insurance in place in order to get the government sponsorship; and can the minister advise the house whether such liability insurance was in place?

**Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

Yes, I can. There was a requirement for insurance, and on my understanding that insurance is in place. One of the problems we have with this is that the company itself, which for some inexplicable reason—I think driven by lawyers—and despite my urging, refused to reveal to those who were injured the name of the company that is providing that insurance.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Morley.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** They wouldn’t even provide whether they were insured or not.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I know they won’t.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** But have you checked they have fulfilled your contract?

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I know they will not say that.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Why have a contract with them if you do not check that they are fulfilling it?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** We did.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Morley, I will give you the call in a moment. Member for Midland, I formally call you to order for the first time today. If I give someone the call, it is not an opportunity for other people to continue talking.

#### EDUCATION — ABORIGINAL STUDENTS — TRI-BORDER ATTENDANCE STRATEGY

##### 12. Mr I.M. BRITZA to the Minister for Education:

Can the minister please inform the house about the new strategy that has been put in place to better meet the educational needs of children in mobile Aboriginal families in the north of the state and across state borders, and how schools in these areas are working together to better cater for these students’ educational needs?

**Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:**

I thank the member for Morley for the question. This goes to the heart of one of the most difficult issues that we deal with in order to provide the very best education for children in remote areas. Mobility of families and children in remote areas has been a major challenge for schools for a very long time. What has been put in place is what has been called the tri-border attendance strategy, which is managed by our Department of Education and includes schools in South Australia and the Northern Territory. Members will be pleased to know that recently this particular strategy received two awards in the Australian Learning Impact Awards. It received the Australian Regional Winner award and also the People’s Choice award, which was to recognise outstanding application of technology when it addresses significant challenges in education. This is a first in Australia.

There are 285 schools involved in this particular strategy and the program collects information about children’s attendance as well as learning programs. It means that when children move from one of these schools to another, each school has access to that attendance information and information about the child’s —

**Mr T.G. Stephens** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Pilbara!

**Dr E. CONSTABLE:** Each school has access information about the child learning program so that the teachers at the second school can very quickly pick up on what that child's learning program is and adapt their work to assist that child. This strategy has been extended to the Kimberley—we are hoping to extend it also to the goldfields and the Pilbara at the present time—and includes not only government schools and public schools, but also Catholic schools, particularly in the Kimberley.

**Mr T.G. Stephens** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Pilbara!

**Dr E. CONSTABLE:** This particular work is designed to enhance children's education. We know that these children are mobile with their families. For instance I could give some information that shows that between February 2009 and December 2011, 140 students attending these schools attended more than five schools; 552 students attended four schools; 2 270 attended three schools; and 641 attended schools across three borders. There is no way we will stop those families being mobile, but we can ensure that we provide the schools they attend with the very best education programs. We can do that by tracking those children's attendance at school and ensuring their learning program goes with them to the new school and that it can be picked up very quickly. Those children can then continue to learn.

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS — DECENTRALISATION

##### 13. **Mr P.B. WATSON to the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's statement on Wednesday last week that he will not move a government department to Albany.

- (1) Why does the Premier not support a government department like the Department of Local Government moving to Albany?
- (2) Given that the government has been in power for nearly four years, why has there been no move by a government department to any of the regions?

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

- (1)–(2) I think there is great scope for decentralising government employment and government accommodation, and indeed a number of measures are under way in the metropolitan area. As I and others have said repeatedly —

Several members interjected.

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

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I am happy to answer the question.

The state government sees Bunbury as the second centre of administration for Western Australia.

**Mr F.M. Logan:** What about Mandurah?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Mandurah is in the metropolitan area as far as I am concerned.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** I hope Hansard got that!

Several members interjected.

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

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** The focus of this government is on creating a second centre of government administration, and we have identified Bunbury as that.

**Mr P. Papalia:** You're just steaming ahead with that, aren't you—full steam ahead!

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** We would appreciate greater cooperation from the local councils in Bunbury—Bunbury and its surroundings; we would.

**Mr M. McGowan:** What have they done to stop it?

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

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** It is not the Leader of the Opposition's question; it is the member for Albany's question.

The Liberal Party was in Albany a week ago—fantastic city; great town; great hospitality. Some of the people walking along Middleton Beach were a bit odd. But, apart from that, what the member's question relates to is a policy announcement by the new Leader of the Opposition. Can I make it quite clear to the Leader of the

Opposition, to the public and to the media: if people want to question Labor Party policy, ask the Labor leader, not the Liberal leader.

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS — DECENTRALISATION

##### 14. Mr P.B. WATSON to the Premier:

I ask a supplementary question. Why does the Premier not think that Albany is good enough to host a government department?

##### Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

I think Albany is good enough, and I think Albany needs a new member of Parliament. We have had enough of the lack of achievement by the member. At the next election, the people of Albany will have the chance to elect a new member, hopefully an outstanding member, who will get some success for Albany.

#### PILBARA ROAD — NEWMAN–MARBLE BAR

##### *Petition*

**MR T.G. STEPHENS (Pilbara)** [2.57 pm]: I present a petition calling upon the Legislative Assembly to put urgent pressure on the Barnett Liberal–National state government of Western Australia to allocate funds to secure the immediate upgrading and sealing of the inland Pilbara road from Newman to Marble Bar so that the heavy traffic loads on this road can travel in increased safety. The petition is signed by 213 petitioners and I certify that it conforms with the standing orders of the house.

[See petition 536.]

#### PERMANENT PARK HOME RESIDENTS

##### *Petition*

**MR T.G. STEPHENS (Pilbara)** [2.57 pm]: I present a petition in reference to permanent park home residents, calling upon the Legislative Assembly to put pressure on the Barnett Liberal–National government of Western Australia to take action to help permanent park home residents obtain greater certainty in relation to their living arrangements into the future. There are 15 signatures recorded, and I table the petition.

[See petition 537.]

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, can I just bring to your attention that petitions do not provide any opportunity for debate or further discussion. I appreciate the bonhomie that sometimes happens in this place.

#### YALGOO MEDICAL SERVICES

##### *Petition*

**MR V.A. CATANIA (North West)** [2.58 pm]: I present a petition couched in the following terms, which 56 petitioners have signed —

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 town of Yalgoo is deserving of a high standard of medical care. The current situation is intolerable and one person nursing stations are difficult for recruitment and retention of our valuable nursing staff.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to employ two full time nurses to provide support and back up to each other and ensure our town has sufficient resources to meet requirements.

[See petition 538.]

#### FREMANTLE — BUILT HERITAGE AND HUMAN SCALE

##### *Petition*

**MS A.S. CARLES (Fremantle)** [2.58 pm]: I present a petition containing 442 signatures and 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, seek to protect the built heritage and human scale of Fremantle.

We say that the *City of Fremantle Local Planning Scheme No. 4, Amendment No. 49* paves the way for high rise buildings in the city centre which will erode the heritage values of Fremantle. We ask the

Legislative Assembly to take steps to ensure that the built heritage and human scale of Fremantle is protected.

[See petition 539.]

### **WUBIN–MULLEWA ROAD — UPGRADE**

#### *Petition*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** I have a petition to present, containing 697 signatures and conforming with our standing orders —

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

We, the undersigned, say there is a need to upgrade the Wubin–Mullewa Rd to safely occupy two passing vehicles.

Current and pressing issues include the increased potential of a fatality and constant windscreen/vehicle body damage due to largely increased heavy traffic.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly

To now commit to ongoing yearly funding for the upgrade of the Wubin–Mullewa Road, until completion. The upgrade of the road needs to include extending it by eight meters and covering the surface with bitumen. Funds are to be allocated equally between the Shire of The City of Greater Geraldton and Morawa.

[See petition 540.]

### **PAPERS TABLED**

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

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — ANNUAL REPORT 2010–11**

##### *Correction — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** Members, I have received a letter from the Minister for Education dated 6 January 2012 requesting that corrections be made to the Department of Education’s 2010–11 annual report, which was tabled on 28 September 2011. Amendments are requested at pages 53, 57 and 60 of the report to provide corrected details and statistical information. I advise that under the provisions of standing order 156, I have authorised the necessary corrections be attached to the tabled paper.

[See paper 3996.]

#### **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION — EIGHTEENTH REPORT — “PARLIAMENTARY INSPECTOR’S REPORT CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION WHEN DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS OF THE EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE BY POLICE”**

##### *Government Response — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** Further, I advise that in relation to the recommendations contained in the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission’s report titled “Parliamentary Inspector’s report concerning the procedures adopted by the Corruption and Crime Commission when dealing with complaints of the excessive use of force by police”, which was tabled on 8 September 2011, no response has been received from the Attorney General by the required time.

#### **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION TWENTIETH REPORT — “CLOSED HEARING WITH GAIL ARCHER SC AND FURTHER ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION ACT 2003”**

##### *Government Response — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** In relation to the recommendations in the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission’s report titled “Closed hearing with Gail Archer SC and further analysis of proposed reforms to the *Corruption and Commission Act 2003*”, which was tabled on 29 September 2011, no response has been received from the Attorney General by the required time.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE — EIGHTH REPORT —  
“A FADING DREAM — AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA”**

*Government Response — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** In relation to the recommendations contained in the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee’s report entitled “A Fading Dream — Affordable Housing in Western Australia”, which was tabled on 3 November 2011, no response has been received from the Minister for Housing by the required time.

**PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE**

*Resignation of Member — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** I have received a letter dated 13 February 2012 in which the member for Rockingham resigned from the Procedure and Privileges Committee.

*Appointment of Member — Notice of Motion*

**Mr R.F. Johnson (Leader of the House)** gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That the member for Midland be appointed to the Procedure and Privileges Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the member for Rockingham’s resignation.

**RETAIL TRADING HOURS AMENDMENT BILL 2012**

*Notice of Motion to Introduce*

Notice of motion given by **Mr T.R. Buswell (Minister for Transport)**.

**BILLS**

*Appropriations*

Messages from the Governor received and read recommending appropriations for the following bills —

1. Education and Care Services National Law (WA) Bill 2011.
2. Appropriation (Consolidated Account) Recurrent 2010–11 (Supplementary) Bill 2011.
3. Appropriation (Consolidated Account) Capital 2010–11 (Supplementary) Bill 2011.
4. Teacher Registration Bill 2011.
5. Criminal Organisations Control Bill 2011.

**BILLS**

*Assent*

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

1. Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 2011.
2. Manslaughter Legislation Amendment Bill 2011.
3. Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Amendment Bill 2011.
4. Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2011.
5. Iron Ore Agreements Legislation Amendment Bill 2011.
6. Iron Ore Agreements Legislation (Amendment, Termination and Repeals) Bill 2011.

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION**

*Council’s Resolution*

Message from the Council received and read as follows —

The Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that it has passed the following resolution, proposing amended terms of reference for the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation —

That the Legislative Assembly be acquainted that the Legislative Council has adopted proposed schedule 1, item 6, *Joint Delegated Legislation Committee*, and invites the Legislative Assembly to concur.

**PREMIER'S STATEMENT***Presentation*

**MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier)** [3.12 pm]: Mr Speaker, I rise today to outline the Liberal–National government's agenda for this parliamentary year. Today will also mark the final Premier's Statement for this term of government.

On behalf of members on this side of the house, I congratulate the member for Rockingham on his elevation to the position of Leader of the Opposition and wish him well—though I stop short of wishing him success! I also acknowledge the member for Belmont and his contribution to the state and to the Parliament.

No government is perfect and no government should be lulled into complacency by its own achievements. The Liberal–National government is, however, extremely proud of what it has achieved over the past three and a half years. We are determined to do more. Despite being a minority government, this has been a cohesive government. It has also been a good government—one that is characterised by honesty and integrity and, above all, one that has made decisions. Some of those decisions have been hard and some have been unpopular, but all have been made for the right reasons and in the best interests of Western Australians. This is also a government of common sense and pragmatism. We do not implement unnecessary reviews, set up superfluous committees or call for more reports. We accept the responsibility of government to implement good policy and to deal with circumstances as they arise, whether it be introducing a payroll tax rebate to help small businesses through the global financial crisis, the clean-up of pollution in Esperance, financial support following the Toodyay fires, rebuilding the community of Warmun in just three months after devastating floods, promptly establishing an inquiry into allegations of sexual abuse at St Andrew's Hostel at Katanning, dealing directly with Indonesia on Western Australia's live cattle trade, or increasing aerial patrols to protect beachgoers—and, like previous Liberal–National governments, we have proven our ability to think big, get on with major projects, resolve longstanding issues and implement fundamental reform.

This is a defining decade in the state's history. It is an opportunity not to be missed. The government is building both the economic and social infrastructure needed for this and future generations. Right across the state, major projects that will transform the economy are planned and underway—Ord stage 2, the Gorgon and Wheatstone LNG projects, major iron ore expansion, and deepwater ports at Oakajee and Anketell. Other projects will improve our quality of life—Perth City Link, the waterfront, a new children's hospital, a new major stadium and Pilbara Cities. Western Australia's agricultural sector continues to innovate and grow with a record grain harvest of more than 15 million tonnes this year, the completion of the Muchea Livestock Centre, construction underway on the Katanning saleyards and the commercial cultivation of GM canola.

No other state comes close to matching what is happening in Western Australia. We are also leading the nation through significant reform in education and health. At the beginning of this year, 73 more schools became independent public schools, bringing the total to 171. These school principals and local school communities are empowered with more authority to manage their schools and tailor teaching and learning in the best interests of their students. This is a true revolution in education and one that is being copied by other states and the federal government. The four-hour rule, put in place in Western Australian hospital emergency departments by this government, is also now being implemented across the country. A recent independent report showed that 80 lives had been saved in three major Perth hospitals where the four-hour rule was in place. The appointment of Western Australia's first mental health minister, followed by the establishment of Australia's first Mental Health Commission, has at last recognised the needs of this long-neglected area of health care.

The government has also made the very conscious decision to invest in the community sector. In another Australian first, the Liberal–National government is increasing funding to the not-for-profit sector by 25 per cent—a measure of this government's commitment to those most in need in our community. An additional \$604 million is being distributed to around 500 groups such as the Salvation Army, Anglicare, the Autism Association and Rocky Bay, to improve salaries for workers and services to people with a disability, those suffering with physical or mental illnesses, disadvantaged youth and families who are experiencing difficulties.

I am proud of the Liberal–National government's commitment to resolving longstanding native title matters. This month the government made an in-principle offer to resolve all native title claims in Perth and the south west. This settlement offer is unique in that it covers multiple claims over the largest area of land of any other native title negotiation in Australia, but more than that, this agreement will formally acknowledge, in this Parliament, the Nyoongah people as the original inhabitants and traditional owners of the land of the south west of Western Australia. It is a significant step in the reconciliation process. As with the agreement reached with the Kimberley Land Council on the development of a gas precinct at James Price Point, this agreement has the potential to give Aboriginal people a real opportunity for economic prosperity, improved health and education outcomes and self-determination. It is disappointing that commonwealth support for this historic initiative now seems unlikely.

The Liberal–National government is honouring its commitment to be a caring and compassionate government, not with grand gestures but with practical responses that make real improvements to people's lives.

This session's legislative agenda continues the Liberal–National government's determination to resolve long-running and sometimes divisive issues and set up the state for the future. Today, the government has given notice of a bill to amend the Retail Trading Hours Act, which will, at last, give Sunday shopping to all the people of Perth. This is expected to apply from August this year. The bill will provide Sunday trading between 11.00 am and 5.00 pm for general retail shops across the metropolitan area. This will include retailers such as Coles, Woolworths, Ikea, Harvey Norman, Target, Kmart and many other chain stores and smaller retailers. Trading hours for all other retailers will not change, including small retail shops such as IGAs, hardware stores, pharmacies, car yards and petrol stations.

The Liberal–National government is committed to ensuring future generations of Western Australians have a legacy from this historic period of economic development, built predominantly on the significant but finite resources available to us at present. The Treasurer will announce details of a future fund as part of the forthcoming state budget and will introduce legislation to establish the fund later this year.

The Integrity (Lobbyists) Bill 2011 will give statutory powers to regulate the activities of lobbyists. This will prevent a repeat of the scandals of past years that so damaged the state's reputation.

The Prostitution Bill 2011 will give protection to our suburbs and towns, and help stop the exploitation of young women. For many members, this bill will raise both ethical and moral issues. It is for that reason that every member in this Parliament should be free to vote according to their conscience, as members of the Parliamentary Liberal Party are free to do.

The Liberal–National government makes no apologies for its tough law and order agenda and will increase penalties for antisocial and criminal activity that threatens the safety and security of Western Australian communities. As promised, the government will target organised crime this year. The Criminal Organisations Control Bill 2011 will dismantle outlaw biker gangs that profit from organised criminal activity, particularly in the drug trade. This will complement action we have taken on drugs, including repealing the former Labor government's soft cannabis laws; tougher penalties for people who sell drugs to children or put them in danger through the manufacture of drugs; and banning synthetic cannabis and the psychoactive drug MDPV—methylenedioxypyrovalerone. The government will also introduce amendments to the Corruption and Crime Commission Act to extend the CCC's powers to investigate organised crime.

The improvement of services for the mentally ill in our community has been a priority for this government. That will continue with the introduction of a new mental health bill that will significantly strengthen the rights of individual patients in the mental health system and help destigmatise mental illness. Among other things, the bill will enshrine a charter of rights, provide for the more appropriate transport of mental health patients, and ensure involuntary patients are better supported.

This government has also addressed another complex but important issue in the Evidence and Public Interest Disclosure Legislation Amendment Bill 2011. Shield laws will provide protection for journalists, whistleblowers and others who deal with confidential information.

As members are aware, Western Australia has experienced a number of natural disasters in recent times, including fires at Toodyay, in the Perth hills and at Margaret River, and floods in the Gascoyne and the Kimberley. As a result of the Perth hills bushfire review undertaken by Mr Mick Keelty, the Liberal–National government will make the biggest change in emergency management since the establishment of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority in 1999. We will introduce legislation to restructure FESA to become a government department and create the position of fire and emergency services commissioner. Later this week I will table Mr Keelty's report into the Margaret River fires and outline the government's response to that report.

We will progress a bill to rename Foundation Day as Western Australia Day, which will help broaden the relevance and appeal of the celebration of our state in June each year. The day will still mark the foundation of the Swan River settlement, but it will be more inclusive of all Western Australians, including Aboriginal people and those who have migrated from countries all over the world.

The purpose of the Liberal–National government's legislative agenda over the past three and a half years, and again this year, has been simple: to make Western Australia a better, fairer and safer place to live. I believe we have had success, but there is more to do.

In spite of some better economic news out of America, the effects of the global financial crisis of 2008 linger. There is now a renewed crisis of debt and confidence in Europe. The International Monetary Fund is warning of another possible global downturn and expects the Eurozone to go into a mild recession in 2012.

Australia did do better than other nations in weathering the GFC storm, but the options for future action are limited. The state of the federal budget rules out any repeat of the stimulus package of 2008–09, and the capacity

of the Reserve Bank to come to the rescue through lower interest rates is not what it used to be. Just two weeks ago we saw anticipation of a cut in official interest rates overwhelmed by market conditions that saw rates actually rise. A quick fix is no longer available, and there is no superficial alternative to improving the fundamental productivity and competitiveness of the Australian economy.

A popular counter view is to put our faith in China and the mining industry. That may work for Western Australia, but it will not work for Australia as a whole, and it will not work for vulnerable industries including manufacturing and retail. Important as China is, it does not provide a solution for the national economy. If anything, it conceals underlying problems, creates a false sense of comfort, and deflects policy away from the real issues. From an Australian perspective, that is the China fallacy.

Already, we have seen hundreds of jobs lost, mostly on the east coast: Pacific Clothing, BlueScope Steel, Heinz, Toyota, Mortein, Qantas, Air Australia and Billabong. Those industries are suffering under the combined influence of global uncertainty, a higher Australian dollar, rising costs, and low consumer confidence. Unfortunately, it is likely that for many Australians, 2012 will be about simply holding onto their jobs. That is why the Liberal–National government rejects the notion of a “boom” and the false expectations such language can lead to. Nevertheless, Western Australia is better placed than the rest of Australia when it comes to jobs. In the last six months, employment in Western Australia has grown by more than 23 000 jobs, while for the rest of Australia jobs growth was less than 2 500. That is not simply a result of luck or good fortune. The state has grasped the opportunity by pushing ahead with major private and public sector projects. The \$138 billion of resource projects committed to or already under construction and the \$169 billion under serious consideration, along with \$27.5 billion of government capital works over the next four years, ensures our immediate future. But this cannot continue as it is. While there are more people in training in Western Australia than ever before as a result of 21 000 additional training places and new training facilities provided by the Liberal–National government, a shortage of skilled labour means that there is a limit to how much construction activity can occur at any one time. It is also difficult for both economic and social infrastructure to keep up, in spite of projects such as Pilbara Cities and the new hospitals being built. This constraint is further compounded by last week’s revised population forecast of an additional 750 000 Western Australians by the middle of the next decade.

Unless something changes, the crunch will come on state government finances. The people of Western Australia know we are being short-changed in the carve-up of goods and services tax revenues. Last year, we received 72c back for every dollar paid in GST. The big states of New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland all received over 90c in the dollar back. It is a bizarre system that penalises Western Australia for having a successful mining industry, while at the same time it rewards other states for their reliance on gambling revenue. The message is all wrong. State Treasury forecasts that our share of GST revenues will fall below 50c in the dollar by 2013–14, and could be as low as 36c in the dollar by 2014–15. This will see us lose \$12 billion in revenue to 2014–15, or even more if recent reports that our GST share will fall next year to 55c in the dollar are true. The commonwealth just does not care. By anyone’s measure this scenario is unfair, unrealistic and unsustainable. It is forcing the state into an overreliance on debt to fund infrastructure and services. It cannot go on. Despite the fact that Western Australia is clearly the powerhouse driving the nation’s economy—we have the highest forecast growth in the country—rising state debt is the constraint on our economic growth. Western Australia accepts that it can make a net contribution to the other states and asks only for a floor of 75c in the dollar for our share of GST revenues. We are not asking for a special deal; we are asking only for a fair deal. For Western Australia, fixing the GST is the number one issue in federal–state relations.

In spite of this, the Liberal–National government will maintain a disciplined approach to fiscal management to ensure that we stay in the black by maintaining budget surpluses. Since coming to government, we have slowed expenses growth, which peaked at more than 13 per cent under Labor, by placing a cap on the size of the public service, implementing a fair but consistent government wages policy and cutting government spending in areas such as advertising and the government car fleet. The government has also removed hundreds of boards and committees that are no longer relevant, saving taxpayers’ money on member fees and administration, and cutting down on regulation. A five per cent efficiency dividend on government trading enterprises has reduced expenditure on consultants and resulted in better management of contracts, which will save more than half a billion dollars over the next four years.

The government is determined to do more to reduce waste and duplication, and to ease the regulatory burden on business and the wider community. We have already approved 333 voluntary redundancies in the public sector; cut planning and environmental approval timeframes, while maintaining the right balance between development and protection of the environment; introduced a lead agency framework for major projects; established development assessment panels to make approvals processes far more consistent and transparent; replaced multiple redevelopment authorities across Perth with the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority; cut red tape for licensees and managers of bars and pubs; and made certification processes for building and renovating houses more efficient, but there is still more to do.

The Liberal–National government will this year introduce Repeal Day, providing an annual opportunity for Parliament to specifically focus on repealing or removing obsolete acts, or irrelevant or superfluous boards and committees created by statute.

Members may be aware of a report released last week showing that Perth was the world's twelfth most expensive city, ahead of cities like New York, London and Hong Kong. The Liberal–National government recognises that living in Western Australia is expensive. When it comes to cost of living, the focus is usually electricity prices. Increasing the price of electricity for households and businesses has been one of the most difficult and probably most unpopular decisions this government has made. The recent increases have been necessary to catch up, after the previous Labor government's irresponsible decision to freeze electricity prices, following the split-up of Western Power.

Even with the increases of past years, the reality is that the cost of delivering electricity in this state is about 30 per cent more than people pay for it. However, electricity is cheaper in Western Australia than in any other state except Queensland. Nevertheless, this government recognises that increases in electricity prices, coupled with other cost-of-living pressures, are being felt by Western Australian households. The state government does provide assistance, rebates and subsidies to assist those people having difficulty paying bills. There are also a range of discounts for seniors on water rates, local government rates, the emergency services levy and drivers' licences. These have been provided by successive governments. But the Liberal–National government has introduced a number of other assistance measures, in particular to assist seniors in the community, many of whom are on fixed incomes and are affected more than most when the cost of food, utilities and transport increases. These include the annual seniors cost-of-living rebate; the Country Age Pension Fuel Card; the security rebate; and free public transport for seniors between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm during the week and all day on weekends and public holidays.

Over 2 000 low to moderate income households will be given a hand getting on to the property ladder over the next two years through the government's shared equity scheme, which will give singles on less than \$70 000 and couples on less than \$90 000 the opportunity to purchase a range of properties through the Department of Housing. To help families, this government has recently introduced the \$10 million KidSport initiative, which pays the fees for those children who would not otherwise be able to join a club to play their favourite sport. This government recognises that families, particularly young families, are the group in the community that is feeling cost-of-living pressures more than most. The Liberal–National government is looking at this issue carefully, with the view to targeting assistance at this group in the forthcoming state budget. The Liberal–National government takes very seriously its responsibility to ensure that the benefits of a strong economy are shared more widely. Of course, there is no more successful illustration of how the benefits of a growing economy can benefit the broader community than the government's royalties for regions program. Across Western Australia, the Liberal–National government is working with local communities to deliver better services and build infrastructure in the regions, where most of the wealth of this state is generated.

As we all know, mining and petroleum is driving the transformation of our economy. The figures speak for themselves: the value of mining and petroleum production exceeds \$100 billion, and almost 20 per cent of the revenue received by the state government comes from mining royalties. This government has made decisions to ensure that the revenue generated by the resources sector is used wisely and in the long-term interests of the state. More than half a billion dollars has already been allocated to the new children's hospital, including \$350 million from BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto as a one-off payment following amendments to state agreements.

Last year's strong budget surplus, driven predominantly by increased revenue from increased mining royalties, also provided the opportunity to set aside \$100 million for the new major stadium at the Burswood peninsula. At the start of the 2018 football season, the Western Australian public will be watching the Eagles or Dockers—or both, if we can convince the AFL of a round one western derby—in a world-class stadium. In contrast, members opposite are opposed to the stadium at Burswood and want it at Subiaco or East Perth—a move that would deny Western Australians a new stadium this decade.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** It is true.

The Liberal–National government has made it a priority that there is a high level of local participation in the contracts flowing from major projects. Since July last year, when the government released its revamped local content policy, more than \$14 billion worth of contracts have been awarded to 63 local companies, to work on resource projects. This will result in thousands of jobs for Western Australians.

Unfortunately, the continued flow of jobs from a growing resources sector faces some risks, in the form of the federal government's mining and carbon taxes. Western Australians can rest assured that the Liberal–National government will stand firm in its total opposition to both the mining tax, 65 per cent of which will come from Western Australia, and the inefficient carbon tax, which will add to the cost of living for all Western Australians. Both taxes will cost jobs. The mining tax is jeopardising the emergence of the magnetite iron ore industry in

Western Australia. Already, Alcoa has shelved its Wagerup refinery expansion plans and the jobs that go with it, citing the uncertainty created by the carbon tax.

Despite the risks created by the commonwealth government and the damage to Australia's reputation, the Liberal–National government has projected a confident can-do attitude to the world. This was never more evident than at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in October last year. While some members opposite derided CHOGM, the Liberal–National government and the Western Australian community embraced this once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase our state to the world. The direct economic impact of this event was \$80 million additional expenditure, not to mention the global media coverage of CHOGM and the royal visit, the boost to tourism, and the business opportunities that flowed from the commonwealth business forum. In anyone's estimation, that was a meeting worth hosting. CHOGM also provided us with a great opportunity to further strengthen relationships with the growing economies of Asia and the Indian Ocean rim, to which our economy is so closely tied.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Nothing has changed!

In recognition of our strong links with the region, the government will shortly open a Western Australian Trade Office in Singapore, a country with which Western Australia has a long and special relationship.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Perhaps some members to my right and some members to my left hope to get an opportunity to respond to this statement. I would like to give you that opportunity. When you are on your feet responding, members, I am sure you would like to be heard by everyone. You will not want to be interrupted.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** The Liberal–National government is using the transformation of our economy to undertake the greatest transformation of Perth since Federation. Unfortunately, the last 100 years has seen the Perth central business district evolve in a fragmented fashion. The time for Perth to mature into a sophisticated city befitting its importance as Australia's west coast city and gateway to the Asia–Pacific and Indian Ocean rim is now. For too long the city has turned its back on the river. The Perth Waterfront project will bring the river back into the heart of the city. Demolition work, construction of jetties, and work around the freeway on-ramps and William Street will start in April.

Just as the waterfront project will reconnect the southern fringe of the CBD with the river, the Perth City Link project will reconnect the northern side of the CBD with Northbridge—a link that has been severed by the rail line for 100 years. The visual blight of the rail line and the bus station will be removed. Commuters, pedestrians and visitors will have better connection between the city and Northbridge, and be able to enjoy a large city square. Construction of the tunnels is proceeding, as is work aboveground around the Milligan Street area, including landscaping of the public plazas between the Perth Arena and the old Entertainment Centre site. Other projects in Perth include: the redevelopment of the Cultural Centre, including the upgrade of the Art Gallery of Western Australia; a new residential, commercial and retail precinct adjacent to the Western Australian Cricket Association; the creation of a heritage precinct around St George's Cathedral; the completion of the Perth Arena; geotechnical and master planning for the major stadium; the redevelopment of Perth Oval as a rugby and soccer stadium; and a new state netball centre at the Matthews Netball Centre site will begin later this year.

One of the more obvious impacts of rapid population growth is the pressure placed on transport systems. In Perth alone, the number of people using public transport will double in the next two decades. The government: is increasing the capacity on the existing rail network through the purchase of new trains; providing an additional 3 000 parking bays at train stations along the Mandurah and Joondalup train lines; has committed to the biggest bus service boost in a decade with a 30 per cent increase in services by 2015–16; and is easing freeway congestion with the widening of the Kwinana Freeway underway and construction of a third lane to the northbound section of the Mitchell Freeway beginning later this year. We will continue to look at ways to address issues affecting freeway users, including the extension of the Mitchell Freeway further north and options for a light rail system that will provide an alternative for the estimated 30 000 people from the central northern suburbs who currently drive west to get onto the freeway.

In regional areas, the Liberal–National government has committed \$104 million to upgrade more than 480 kilometres of road. We are also investing more than \$350 million in the grain freight network, which will lower costs for farmers, as well as take more heavy vehicles off narrow country roads, making them safer. It is a tragic fact that over half the road deaths in this state occur on country roads. While the road toll has reduced since 2008, the Liberal–National government is determined to do all it can to continue to reduce road trauma. That is why this government made the decision to allocate all revenue from speed cameras and red light infringements to the road trauma trust fund. This effectively triples funding for road safety.

I spoke earlier about the government's decision to provide the not-for-profit sector with a 25 per cent increase in funding. This was a significant social dividend from the state's growing economy. It acknowledged that not all

sectors of the community share the state's growing prosperity. There will be other important social dividends from this growth this year.

There is no more important a job than ensuring that every child, no matter what their circumstances, can achieve their potential. Education is the key to this. The critical years for learning are the early years. The former coalition government recognised this, providing access for all children to kindergarten and preprimary programs at local primary schools, and changing the school starting age. This government has strengthened the commitment to early childhood education by starting formal literacy and numeracy learning in preprimary, and we will introduce legislation this year to make preprimary compulsory. There is still room for improvement in closing the gap between potential and performance for some children in the early years. We will shortly provide the details of our previously announced plan to co-locate children and family services on school and other community sites, particularly in low socioeconomic areas. These centres will provide services such as immunisation, child health nurses, occupational and speech therapy, and parenting programs in an integrated way, providing local solutions to local problems. Like the successful independent public schools program, there will not be a one-size-fits-all model.

In 2012, the government will also focus on improving facilities at secondary schools throughout Western Australia. Planning for year 7 becoming the first year of secondary schooling is underway, including assessing the requirements for additional facilities at high schools. The implications of this significant reform for every secondary school and its feeder primary schools will be examined in detail, and school communities will be consulted, with an emphasis on support for rural communities. The government is on track to have an additional 115 public schools air-cooled by the middle of this year as part of our commitment to ensure that all schools have air-cooling by 2014. The Liberal-National government has worked hard to improve the standards of government schools across the state. Student numbers at government schools have grown under this government, following no real growth under Labor. Of course, quality teachers are critical to raising standards, and the Liberal-National government has demonstrated that it values our teachers by making them the highest-paid teachers in the country.

This government has embarked upon the biggest hospital capital works program in the state's history, with more than \$1.5 billion allocated in this year's state budget. In Perth, the construction of the new children's hospital is underway, and Fiona Stanley Hospital is proceeding on time and on budget. Joondalup Health Campus is being expanded, and building of the Midland health campus will start by the middle of the year. We are delivering a new Albany health campus, the redevelopment of Kalgoorlie health campus, a new Busselton health campus and upgrades at hospitals in Karratha, Carnarvon and Esperance, and the Exmouth health clinic. Through the government's royalties for regions program, more than half a billion dollars is being injected into health care in the southern inland region of the state to get more general practitioners into country towns and to upgrade large and small hospitals and nursing posts. Six towns already have access to a doctor following a recruitment campaign as part of the southern inland health initiative. In line with our commitment to the early years of children's learning and development, and following the valuable report "Invest Now or Pay Later: Securing the Future of Western Australia's Children" by this house's Education and Health Standing Committee, the Liberal-National government has employed an additional 45 specialists in child therapy services. This initiative is already making a significant difference; that is, waiting times for speech pathology have fallen by 42 per cent, occupational therapy by 46 per cent, physiotherapy by 42 per cent and clinical psychology by 30 per cent.

Arguably, the most important social dividend of this period of economic growth is to ensure the protection of the state's unique environment for future generations. The government has allocated \$63 million to the Kimberley science and conservation strategy, the centrepiece of which is the creation of the state's largest interconnected system of marine and terrestrial parks, including four new marine parks and Prince Regent National Park. In addition, the government has started developing and upgrading camping facilities throughout the Kimberley, including at the Bungle Bungle Range. This will be extended throughout the state to improve access to and facilities in our national parks so that more Western Australians and visitors can enjoy our unique environmental diversity.

The Liberal-National government is committed to ensuring that there is a balance between responsible economic activity and sustainable environmental outcomes. We will be rightly judged on our record. The decision just this month to reject a proposal to build a coalmine near Margaret River demonstrates this commitment. The unique environmental, viticultural and tourism values of the region cannot be compromised, and the government will implement the most stringent planning framework possible to protect it from all forms of high-impact mining.

Mr Speaker, I am sure that members of this house would agree that we are living in difficult times. The global financial crisis has generated a sense of insecurity, now heightened by the economic instability in Europe, and trust in governments and respect for their legitimacy are at fairly low levels, even in Australia. All this makes the task of government that bit harder. Now, more than ever, government has a responsibility to show leadership, stability, decisiveness and confidence. The Liberal-National government is responding to the challenges before us by doing just that. We have steered the economy with a watchful eye and a steady hand through difficult

economic times, nationally and internationally. Our strong growth forecasts, positive budget position, low unemployment, massive investment pipeline and AAA credit rating mean that Western Australia is in a much stronger position than most to weather any wider economic downturn, protect jobs and support those who need assistance.

Just as the gold rush years of the 1890s and the development of the Pilbara in the 1960s transformed the state, this moment in our state's history will define our future. The Liberal–National government is committed to making Western Australia a better, fairer and safer place to live. Our work, and the work of all members in this Parliament, is an important part of realising that commitment.

I wish members well for the forthcoming parliamentary year.

Government members: Hear, hear!

[Applause.]

#### *Consideration*

**The SPEAKER:** The question is —

That the Premier's Statement be noted.

**MRS M.H. ROBERTS (Midland)** [3.51 pm]: The Premier's Statement is an opportunity for the Premier to outline the government's agenda for the year ahead, and that is exactly what the Premier has done today. However, my advice to him is that he cannot plan for the future until he has dealt with the past. This government and Premier have a matter of unfinished business from the past year that I wish to raise in the house today.

A grave injustice has been done to a group of people who participated in a sporting event in this state last September. I am of course referring to the Kimberley Ultramarathon. The injustice is that the Western Australian government has failed to call an independent inquiry into the event. Let me make it clear: I am not seeking to attribute blame for the outcome of the event itself, but I am attributing blame to the Barnett government for its failure to call an inquiry. The Premier has said that he has a lot that he wishes to achieve this year, and he has listed his priorities. But in my view, his first task should be to cut through the red tape and make a decision to hold an independent inquiry into the Kimberley Ultramarathon.

In order to demonstrate the magnitude of the injustice that has been visited upon a number of young athletes, I will spend a little time this afternoon talking about a very brave young woman called Kate Sanderson. Kate is a runner who has competed in marathons and ultra-marathons. She once cycled across Cambodia with a friend, and in 2009 was the inaugural winner of the 100 kilometre Great Ocean Walk race. I have here a picture of Kate taken when she was competing in a race a year or so ago—a very bright and vivacious young woman.

Members in this place should know what occurred on 2 September 2011, and, for those whose recollections might have been dulled over time, let me remind the house of a Hong Kong-based company known as RacingThePlanet. This organisation was founded in 2002 by US investment banker and extreme athlete Mary K. Gadams. The company runs ultra-marathons; that is, extreme races in extreme environments. Every year, it runs four desert races—in the Gobi Desert in China, in the Atacama Desert in Chile, in the Sahara Desert in Egypt, and also in Antarctica. At regular intervals it also runs one-off ultra-marathons in spectacular, if remote, places.

In April 2010, RacingThePlanet ran one such ultra-marathon in the Kimberley, between Kununurra and a location on a large station called El Questro. Normally, the company would visit a different location for each of these races, but for some reason it decided to come back to the Kimberley in September 2011. I have not been able to determine at this stage whether the company was convinced to do so by the success of the first event, or enticed by the prospect of support from the state government. Certainly in August 2011, Minister Waldron in his capacity as Minister for Sport and Recreation, together with Minister Hames as Minister for Tourism and Minister Grylls as Minister for Regional Development, announced —

... the Kimberley Ultramarathon would receive funding through Eventscorp's Regional Events Program, which is funded by Royalties for Regions for the next three years.

And we see their smiling faces on the press release.

Certainly everyone wanted to get in on the act; it was a great coup. Minister Hames is quoted in the media release —

Regional events are important as they provide significant economic, cultural and social benefits to the community, as well as increase the region's profile through media exposure ...

Hosting the Kimberley Ultramarathon is a fantastic opportunity —

That is it; the three ministers said they were hosting it; our state was hosting it —

to showcase our spectacular Kimberley region to the world and will illustrate how unique our vast State is.

I would like the house to note the kinds of claims that were being made by government ministers. I would like the house to note just how eagerly government ministers were lining up to take credit for the announcement and indeed to take credit for the race itself. The joint media release of this little gaggle of government ministers begins —

One of the world's most challenging race series will be staged in Western Australia's Kimberley region and broadcast to a worldwide television audience thanks to a significant funding boost from the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

It is pretty unequivocal: thanks to the funding, we have both the race and the broadcast. Equally, the implication of course is: no funding, no race, no broadcast. At the same time in Hong Kong, RacingThePlanet thundered in its own release, "Government of Western Australia to join forces with the Kimberley Ultramarathon 2011". That is what was on the RacingThePlanet website.

Thanks apparently to the government the race was to be run on 2 September 2011. In truth, preparations to run this race had commenced long before. The process of recruiting competitors had begun at least nine or 10 months before the event. When recruitment of competitors was in train, the cut-off date was 10 August, by which time entrants had paid their fee, received their medical clearance, provided a passport-sized photograph and signed a legal waiver.

Kate Sanderson was one of these competitors. She arranged with friends to compete in the race, and a small group travelled to Kununurra at the end of August. When she arrived she was informed, along with other competitors, that the direction of the race had changed. The race would commence at El Questro rather than in Kununurra. Competitors and volunteers speculated at the time that this was to provide more spectacular footage for television or documentary cameras. On the evening of 1 September competitors attended a briefing at the Kimberley Grande hotel. They were warned of such dangers as snakes and crocodiles and the need to remain hydrated; that was especially stressed. They were provided with information about the route. They were not warned that there had been a number of bushfires in the area or of any particular fire risk. They certainly were not warned that there was any risk of a fire going anywhere near the course. If they had have been warned of fires in the region, Kate has said she most certainly would have withdrawn from the race.

What is disturbing, too, is to learn from some very credible reports that on the morning of the race some of the pink ribbon that was used to mark the course for the athletes had to be replaced because it had been incinerated by a wildfire. On the morning of the race, those organising it knew that there were wildfires in the area because they were out there replacing bits of pink ribbon. Despite this, the race went ahead. For Kate Sanderson, things proceeded as expected for the first two stages. At the second checkpoint she saw her friend Andrew Baker, who was a race volunteer, with event organiser Riitta Hanninen. She also met Turia Pitt, a competitor who left the checkpoint about 10 minutes before Kate did.

At this point I will quote briefly from a statement that Andrew Baker has given to the police —

Before the first competitor arrived the media helicopter landed next to Checkpoint 2. I saw people get out of the helicopter who came over to us being the checkpoint officials and went straight over to Riitta and I overheard some of the conversation. I heard the people from the helicopter say to Riitta, "There's a bushfire ahead and it's expected to cross the track in about 1 and a half to 2 hours." Or words to that effect.

I could see Riitta walking around making phone calls and we waited for the first competitors to arrive. As they arrived the helicopter took off and followed the first few competitors into the gorge. I helped **at the check point** until Riitta wanted to go which was just after Kate (competitor 33) arrived at the checkpoint. It this point it was 11.40 am, I know this to be accurate as I took a photo of her and the properties of that photo show it to be taken at 11:40 am. I don't recall any further mentions of fire at Checkpoint 2.

Kate then set off for the third stage with her friend Hal Benson. They were aware that this was a more difficult stage routed through a gorge and over difficult stony ground. As a result, they kept a walking pace. It was in the gorge with the cliff to one side and a sharp slope on the other that they encountered the fire.

I will now quote from Kate Sanderson and let her tell the story in her own words. Those words have been given to the Victorian police and, I believe, passed on to the WA Police.

As Hal and I were walking along the floor of the gorge we saw a fire that I guess would have been approximately 200 to 300 metres ahead of us. It looked like the fire had come from the other end of the gorge. At that stage it didn't look dangerous, however, I could see a lot of smoke and flames and I could hear a slight roar from the fire.

At that point Hal and I stopped. I took out my camera and took some photographs. I could see Turia Pitt up ahead. She would have been about 50 metres ahead of us. She had her head down which you needed

to do to watch the ground so that you didn't trip over or stumble. She had an MP3 player and I presume that she had her earplugs in. There was also another competitor, a male, walking a bit further on ahead of Turia. I thought about yelling out to Turia as I realised that she probably hadn't noticed the fire ... due to her MP3 player or to see it because she was looking down. However, I realised quickly that there was no point because if she was listening to her MP3 she would be unable to hear me. Even at that stage I didn't think there was any imminent danger. Nonetheless, it was clear that the fire was heading our way. I then observed the man who had been walking ahead of Turia. He was walking back towards us and in fact had overtaken Turia who was by then following him. Almost at the same time two other competitors arrived from behind us. I think that they were a father and son team. The six of us ended up together. There was a lot of discussion about what we should do. I recall that one of the people suggested that we walk towards the fire and head over towards the left near the cliff to go around it. I thought that was a stupid idea because if the wind changed we would be trapped.

Our other option was to go to the right hand side and up the hill to an area of exposed rock. As the discussion continued the fire kept getting closer. I could hear the roar of the fire getting louder. I immediately said to the group that I was going. I headed off towards the hill on the right hand side with the intention of climbing up the hill to the exposed rocky area. The others followed me. It took about one minute to cover the ground to the base of the hill before we started climbing. By the time we got to the base of the hill the men had overtaken us. We climbed up and got to the rocky outcrop. I recall that one of the male competitors, who had an accent, pointed to a rock crevice and told Turia and I that we could have the "prime spot". He meant that we could huddle up in the rock crevice which would give us some protection from the flames when the fire went past. At the stage Turia was to the left of me. She started to cry. She said that she was really scared. I tried to reassure her. Everyone then seemed to take off up the hill, including Turia. I started off after them. I was the last to go. I kept climbing up, but I couldn't see the others ahead of me. I looked behind me and saw that the fire had reached the base of the hill and flames were starting to move quickly up through the grass on the hill. I had only travelled about 5 metres from the rocky outcrop when I made this observation. I feared that if I kept going I would end up running just ahead of the fire and would be badly burned. I thought that the best thing to do was to go back to the rocky outcrop, which I did. I then huddled down in the rocky crevice. This was a crevice formed by two rocks forming a "V shape". I got into the crevice as tightly as I could. By then I had put on a woollen long sleeved sweater that I had been carrying in my backpack.

I was huddled in the crevice. I can recall the roar of the fire. I recall the incredible heat. I recall that the clothing on my right shoulder caught fire and when this happened I immediately stood up to try to put it out.

When I stood up I seemed to be in the fire. I screamed. I remember feeling the flames and the intense pain. I had my hands up to my face and my eyes closed. I thought to myself — "this is what it's like to die in a fire". I tried to run. Every time I tried to run I stumbled and fell. Each time I fell I was falling onto hot embers.

I was screaming. I recall hearing Turia screaming about 5 to 10 seconds after the fire got me. At that stage I knew that the fire had also got Turia.

That is the end of Kate's statement. I note here that the price of Kate putting her hands to her face and saving her face is that her hands are very, very badly burnt. When the fire had gone, and despite their own injuries, the group tried to care for the two massively burnt girls while they waited for help to come. They had no way of contacting race organisers or the authorities. They just hoped that someone would find them. The first to see them were the people in the media helicopter. Although the helicopter could not land, the group felt reassured that they had been seen. This was followed by a gyrocopter. Sometime later a RacingThePlanet doctor hiked in, and I note that it is reported that that doctor did not have medical equipment. Paramedics who were based in Kununurra remained there, unaware of what had occurred. It was only later that they were alerted to a situation and heard that there were tourists somewhere in El Questro, not even realising at first that these were event participants. The paramedics then went to their aid, and there have been quite a number of stories about their heroism. They headed to the first checkpoint and then to the second checkpoint, not knowing where to go, but eventually they got there, and they had some medical equipment with them. The doctor tried, but was unable to insert an intravenous cannula into Turia's arm because she could not find a vein; she was more successful with Kate. The injured runners were eventually taken by helicopter in circumstances of great difficulty. I note here that that was a considerable feat by the helicopter pilot, who was not someone arranged by RacingThePlanet. He was Heliworks helicopter pilot Paul Cripps, and without his aerial assistance, without him landing in a precarious situation and rescuing these girls, they would have certainly perished.

Both young women are seriously burnt; they have been in hospital ever since. Kate has had at least 15 surgical procedures, including the partial amputation of her left foot. It remains likely that she will lose her entire foot. She has lost parts of her ears and a fingertip. I have photos of those. I met with Kate in hospital just over a week

ago, and although I will not illustrate this with all the pictures, I hold here a picture of how burnt Kate's ear is. Dry gangrene affected her foot. The next photo shows the foot before the amputation, which took place only a couple of weeks ago because it takes a while for that to happen. The photo I am now holding shows the foot as I saw it in the Alfred Hospital. We are now told that that operation has not been successful and more of her foot will be taken. The final photograph that I would like members to see is a photo of one of Kate's hands. When I saw her, her hands were slightly better than they look in this photo, but they are burnt and clawed in the position shown.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** The treatment will continue into the future; she will need a lot more surgery and a lot more rehabilitation. Her life has changed. So has the life of Turia Pitt, who was burnt on over 80 per cent of her body and required extensive facial grafting. Unlike Kate, she did not cover her face in the same way and, as I understand it, she has had a full facial graft. She is a 25-year-old girl who was working as a mining engineer in the north of our state and who was a part-time model. To be sure, it is certainly true to say that the running of an ultra-marathon in a remote location bears inherent risk—indeed, so many risks that it would seem incumbent upon organisers and sponsors to ensure that those risks are minimised by both studious preparation and attention to the circumstances of the day.

I have spoken with a number of people who know quite a lot about these kinds of events. I want to quote here from a man called Andy Hewat, himself a professional race director and ultra-marathon runner, who says in *Trail Run Magazine* —

“When you do a sport that takes place in the wilderness, it's an inherent risk that events may have to be cancelled. The biggest 100-miler in the world—the Western States 100—was cancelled the day before the race a few years back because of fires. They had 400 runners waiting to go, plus 1000 crew and volunteers, but they pulled the plug because of safety concerns.”

“That's the nature of bush-based events—some things are outside your control, but you have to mitigate the risks. Was that done here, or were commercial interests given precedent?”

Again, these are his words —

... When there's a danger that could clearly be foreseen, like when there's a fire already burning, then there's a duty of care that needs to be shown by the organisers to the runners.”

He goes on to make the following comment —

“They had the opportunity to remove the runners when they saw smoke at CP2, but they didn't. You have to ask yourself, when they had helicopters in the air filming the race, how did they not see the approaching danger and act on it? They had all the infrastructure there to film the event and get publicity for their series, but was this at the expense of runners' safety? It appears that the helicopters were there filming the front runners, while those nearer the back were left to fend for themselves.”

These observations raise serious questions about the decisions that were made on the day. These observations, and those of others, make it clear that there is a serious issue of justice here. What justice have those young women had? In November, Mr Sanderson met with Minister Hames to ask the same question. As a result of the meeting, the minister undertook to seek advice as to the possibility of an inquiry into the fire. He was not the only one to consider this a necessary response to the tragedy—the police thought it was appropriate; and the St John Ambulance crew, who risked their own lives to evacuate the women, certainly want an inquiry. As late as the middle of December, Minister Hames is reported to have been pushing for an inquiry. One wonders, however, just how sincere the minister was on this point when he said that there was no mechanism for an inquiry. It seems clear that the minister, who was trying to seem so concerned, had already given up on the idea of an inquiry last year. The extent to which the minister has given up is indicated by his reply to me, in which he said that he thought about how he might do that and about what mechanism could be used by a government department that does not sponsor the event itself and does not have responsibility for fire and emergency services and is not the police, but it is very difficult to work out a mechanism to do that and to do it properly. In other words, the minister has put it into the too-hard basket.

Of course the government could respond with a judicial inquiry. I believe that would be appropriate, because a police inquiry in and of itself is not enough. A Public Sector Commission inquiry in and of itself would not be enough either. There are many, many elements here, and I cannot see any way other than a full independent judicial inquiry. Only a few weeks before the minister came to this conclusion, though, government ministers were pushing each other out of the way to claim credit for the race. Now they are running from it like Dracula from a cross.

On 8 December, when Minister Hames was still content to see in media speculation that he was pushing for an inquiry, the minister wrote to Kate Sanderson and said that he was particularly disappointed that he has not been

able to find a way for the Western Australian government to conduct a formal inquiry into this matter, because he had sincerely hoped to do so. The minister said also that he understands how incongruous this may seem to her, her family and friends. Can I say “incongruous” is hardly the word, especially after we all witnessed the ease with which Mr Mick Keelty could be given a brief to inquire into the Margaret River fire that burnt out—I quote the Premier—more than 3 400 hectares, principally of crown land, and destroyed 32 house, nine chalets and four sheds. Given the ease with which the Margaret River inquiry could be commissioned, I call upon the government to offer the same courtesy to Kate Sanderson and Turia Pitt as it has to Lyndon Rowe and the other homeowners at Gnarabup and Prevelly. I call upon the government to establish an independent inquiry into the running of the Kimberley Ultramarathon of 2 September 2011.

Among the kinds of questions such an inquiry might address, the following should certainly be included: What role did the state government play in retaining the event in the Kimberley? What assurance did the state government receive regarding safety? Were there concerns about the waiver signed by competitors, invoking the law of the British Virgin Islands apparently, sidelining local jurisdiction? Was the risk assessment completed before any government funding was secured? How extensive was the assessment and how involved were the police, the Fire and Emergency Services Authority and the Department of Environment and Conservation in this process? Was it not important to involve these agencies even though the race was held predominantly on a private pastoral lease? What liability insurance was available? The minister said today that that was a requirement, yet the organiser of the event, which this government signed up with, will not even say who its insurers are. Presumably the minister knows; the minister said he has been assured that the insurance is in place. Perhaps the minister can tell us who they were insured with. How well prepared was RacingThePlanet before the race? Was it aware of the bushfires in the vicinity of the race? Was it aware of the nature of Australian bushfires, their speed of movement, the heat they generate and the danger that they pose to life and property? Was there contingency planning for fire?

There are written and photographic reports of fires in the area for up five days beforehand, including an extremely concerning report of course-marking tape needing to be replaced before the start of the race. There are multiple photos of competitors passing through recently burnt, still-smouldering areas, as well as reports of fire on the horizon, just after the race started, by gyrocopter pilot, John Storey, who said that the fire would be approaching runners within two hours. What was the response of the organisers to these issues?

This race had a number of participants spread over a large distance with difficult and inaccessible terrain. What specific medical or safety preparations were made by organisers, including contacting local medical and retrieval services in the preparation phase and how effective was communication between race staff, competitors and these services during the race itself? Only by holding an inquiry will the government move beyond the weasel words of false compassion. Only by holding an inquiry will the government reassure visitors to this state that if they come and compete in an event and are seriously injured, through no fault of their own, that they can have some measure of justice. Only by holding an inquiry will this government protect Western Australia’s reputation as a good place to visit. Only by holding an inquiry will the government begin to ensure the integrity of the tourism brand in Western Australia. Only by holding an inquiry will the government begin to act with proper and authentic compassion to two young women whose lives have been so terribly changed and to their families and their friends.

*Amendment to Question*

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** I therefore move to amend the question before the house. I move —

That the following words be added after “noted” —

and that this house calls upon the Premier to establish an independent judicial inquiry into the September 2011 Kimberley Ultramarathon. Terms of reference for such an inquiry should include, but not be limited to the following —

- (i) all events and arrangements that were made prior, during and after the event that may have caused, contributed to or worsened the injuries that were sustained by Kate Sanderson, Turia Pitt, Michael Hull, Martin Van Der Merwe and others;
- (ii) the appropriateness of the arrangements or any contract between RacingThePlanet and Eventscorp or WA Tourism or the minister responsible for those agencies;
- (iii) the suitability of RacingThePlanet and its staff to manage such an event;
- (iv) the adequacy or otherwise of safety arrangements for event participants and others;
- (v) the adequacy or otherwise of medical evacuation procedures for the event;
- (vi) the adequacy or otherwise of communications for the event;
- (vii) insurance and civil liability matters; and

- (viii) the role of Western Australian government departments or agencies, including but not limited to, Eventscorp, WA Tourism, the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Fire and Emergency Services Authority, WA Police and Health.

In concluding his Premier's Statement last year, the Premier said —

Western Australians can be assured that this government will make decisions for the right reasons—not to appease certain interest groups, not to fit in with the news cycle, and not for political self-interest.

Premier, I call on you to be true to your word and to call an inquiry into this matter.

**MR T.G. STEPHENS (Pilbara)** [4.20 pm]: I rise to speak in support of the amendment and the arguments that were put very clearly to the house by the member for Midland, the manager of opposition business.

This is a serious matter and it deserves a serious, positive and urgent response from the government. It is serious for all the reasons that have been outlined to the house by the member for Midland. In particular, the seriousness of the circumstances and futures of the victims of this event need to be weighed heavily and carefully by government as it responds to this call. Other considerations, which should not be minor matters, include the good name of the state of Western Australia, the good name of the government of Western Australia and the responsibilities that come with being a government for all the people of Western Australia. We on this side of the house often complain about the government's catchcry or mantra that it is about making decisions. In this case, the government appears to be yet again headed towards locking in behind a bad decision—that is, to not hold a proper judicial inquiry into this matter. I urge the Premier to pull back from any temptation that he might have to lock in that poor decision, which would be embodied by refusing to have a judicial inquiry.

I know a couple of regions in this state extremely well—the Pilbara and the Kimberley. I know especially well the area where this fire took place. I mustered in the neighbouring Speewah Valley on a property adjacent to the Dunham River. That property was once owned by my wife's family and I know the danger of fires that go through those valleys, particularly at that time of year. In fact, when my wife's family first came into that region in July 1882, 100 years before I was elected, they were greeted by one of the most savage fires; it nearly took the lives of that settlement party. From settlement all the way through to the present, people have been aware of the enormous horror that fires can represent. In that case, Michael Durack had landed in Cambridge Gulf and was on his way out. He was almost to the adjacent paddocks where this event was conducted. The fire was lit by the Aboriginal people to try to discourage the Duracks from settling. It was a horrific fire and the Duracks escaped it very narrowly on 31 August 1882. Horrific fires can come through that region at that time of year. When there is a lot of fuel burden, as there was on this occasion, the fires can take on an enormous intensity and can be whipped up at speed. Anyone who has looked at the history of this region would know the risks faced by people in the area.

For me it is very worrying to see a set of government ministers, who in the lead-up to this event gave press releases and made efforts to associate themselves with the funding of this event, now running from the house; they are not even present in the house when this motion is being debated. We on this side of the house are regularly critical of the current government because it does one thing quite well—it regularly hides its inaction behind inquiries. What is needed on this occasion is an inquiry. Normally, it seems to be quite good at conducting an inquiry as an excuse for action. But now it is hiding even from an inquiry. I have been around the place long enough to know that the one thing that a government can do quite easily is conduct an inquiry. A judicial inquiry is an extra step that is required on this occasion because of the gravity of the circumstances.

Let us look at some of the comparable inquiries that have been called for or conducted.

*Point of Order*

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** Madam Acting Speaker, I was wondering whether you could quieten them.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms L.L. Baker):** Yes. Members, can you please keep the background chatter down. This is a very serious subject, and it certainly does not do you justice to have that background chatter.

*Debate Resumed*

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** Each of us in this place will have a memory of various incidents that have occurred in the life of the body politic in Western Australia or in other jurisdictions when comparable or similar sets of circumstances have emerged and when inquiries have been called for and sometimes conducted and sometimes not. Often inquiries have been called for and conducted into issues that are largely to do with a non-government agency's responsibility. Some of these examples are not the best because there are strengths and weaknesses in their comparison. I think of the Western Women issues of the 1980s. The culpability of government at that time was nothing more than a pamphlet that had been left in the front office of a women's referral centre, which pamphlet encouraged people to head towards a particular financial institution. That was enough for the then opposition—the Liberal–Country Party or whatever it was at that point—to call upon the government to conduct an inquiry into its culpability or involvement in channelling people in the direction of a financial disaster.

Inquiries were held and culpability was established, and people were then able to draw upon the results of those investigations to access their redress. I cannot help thinking of the inquiry conducted into an aged person's facility. It was not operated by government. It was the Chelmsford inquiry that was conducted in Sydney. Counsel assisting was a friend of mine. He went on to be Judge Christopher Geraghty. It was essentially an inquiry into a private facility. It opened up access for the aggrieved families of the victims of the private facility to legal redress from the owners and operators of the facility. We can think of other issues in Western Australia. Clearly, there was the inquiry into the Varanus Island incident. It had other implications for government responsibility and government regulation, but it also led to opportunities for the private operators of the facility to face their legal responsibilities because of the efforts that eventually resulted in documentation to secure people's appropriate response. The example that has just been given to me by the member for Belmont is the Longford gas inquiry that was called for in Victoria.

Governments regularly conduct inquiries into issues that are not specifically or narrowly the responsibility of the government. In these circumstances, it may well be that the government has no culpability at all in hosting the event that it boasted it was hosting. There may be no responsibility for the three ministers Hames, Grylls and Waldron whose photos decorated the press release that emphasised the government funding for this event. I know that if I saw an event was being organised with government funding I would be able to draw upon my knowledge of government to assume that that event will have faced some rigour around its presentation, deployment and preparation. We know that if government funding is involved, typically, government agencies require event organisers to make sure that they adopt all of the rigour to secure the safety of the participants. We have had events on the river, events down at the foreshore and events all over the state for which people sought government funds only to get government funds once they have established to the funding agencies and ultimately to the ministers responsible that they have taken all the appropriate steps and got in place the appropriate insurance and the rigour to secure the safety of the participants and any observers to these events. Therefore, I think that any of the participants who went into this event having seen this press release and knowing of the government's sponsorship of it could quite legitimately claim they had confidence that the event was going to be conducted safely and surely and that if any risk was to arise, the risks would be mitigated and their safety protected. Until there is a judicial inquiry, none of us, whether we be parliamentarians, the wider community, government, or the victims and their families, will have any way of judging whether the organising company or its collaborators in government conducted themselves appropriately to protect the interests of the participants and to protect the wider public interest that is involved.

For me, it would be appalling, from this side of the house, to have to watch a government make a decision to reject an inquiry such as this. I am worried about the way the advisers to this government seem to wait for signals from the government itself as to the nature and shape of the advice that they are to give before they give it. It would appear that there is some reticence on the part of this government about an inquiry being conducted. Maybe the government knows why it has that reticence and it has flagged that reticence to the advisers who are —

**Dr K.D. Hames:** I have no reticence; I told you that when I answered questions earlier today.

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** There is one thing that the minister can be absolutely assured of that he can do; he knows damn well he did this when he was in opposition: he called for and achieved high-level inquiries and his colleagues have achieved judicial inquiries.

**Dr K.D. Hames:** But you can only have a judicial inquiry into the public sector.

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** You can have a judicial inquiry into any matter you choose. If necessary, if it has to, the government could bring a quick bill into this house to give the judicial inquiry any powers that it thinks that it has not got. The government could whip in a bill tomorrow and have it out of this place the next day in order to give the powers to conduct the judicial inquiry, if there was any justification for that reticence that the government had at all. I do not believe there is any justification for assuming that there is no head of power within government to conduct a judicial inquiry.

**Dr K.D. Hames:** Do you not think Mal Wauchope would be the one to make judgements of whether it is appropriate?

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** I am confident that Mal —

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** Mal has that capacity to look, I am afraid, for the signals from government. If the government said to the Public Sector Commissioner that it wanted an inquiry, he would give the government one tomorrow. If the government shows some reluctance, he will express that reluctance. He is a loyal servant to government.

**Dr K.D. Hames:** I sent him a letter that said, "I would like to hold an inquiry; tell me what mechanism under which I can do it."

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** Is he responsible to you, is he?

**Dr K.D. Hames:** No. I wrote to him asking him that question.

**Mr P. Papalia:** You also might be sending him signals!

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** I put it to the house that if this government showed unity of purpose in the way it considered this matter, all arms of the public sector would find ways for the Minister for Tourism to conduct a judicial inquiry. It would be up and running before the minister could even blink. The one thing the government is capable of is conducting inquiries. It might not be able to act very decisively as a government but it can disguise its inaction behind inquiries. I fear the minister is disguising and hiding culpability by his reticence in reference to an appropriate inquiry. I know the minister's nature. I know that if he were in opposition he would have come after us absolutely mercilessly. I can hear the stinging rebuke that he would have given me and my colleagues if we were sitting opposite with a press release like this, with our names on it, and he were on this side of the house. The difference would have been we would not be doing what the Minister for Tourism is now doing. He would not have had the need to badger us in government to hide behind this pretence that a judicial inquiry cannot be conducted. He would have been merciless in his attack on me and my colleagues if we were the authors of a press release like this, an event like that and an outcome like this. He should not try to hide behind this process that somehow or other someone has dropped the minister a note to say, "We can't find a way through it." The minister should say that he wants to find a way through it, direct them to find a way through it, and he will have a full judicial inquiry in double-quick time. The only reason he has not got one is he does not want one. I can well understand why he might not want one—his thumb prints are all over it! A sponsored event has gone absolutely pear-shaped. The Minister for Tourism does not want an inquiry that might link him to the disaster that unfolded. Unfortunately, sometimes in office that is exactly what happens.

There are some people on the other side of the house who have adopted an ambition to be "teflon" ministers; that is, they will take no responsibility for anything that goes wrong but will want to absolutely take full responsibility for events that look good or are going well, by bringing out press releases. They will be jumping all over them. There would be ministers clambering onto the government jet to get up north for the opening of a musical toilet or the unveiling of a plastic cow! Ministers fly up to put their names all over everything, but the moment there is a disaster like this in which there is a real sense of a problem—worse than a problem, a personal tragedy —

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

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** I did not hear the member, but maybe that is best!

This is a tragedy. It is a tragedy that should be above any attempt by government to hide itself from this legitimate call for a judicial inquiry that was made by the member for Midland. This is the only call that people on this side of the house should ever make in the circumstances with which we are faced. There is no other way for an opposition to respond to a tragedy like this. There are so many unanswered questions and so many issues that are yet to be pursued legitimately. We need to protect not only the interests of the victims but also the good name of the state of Western Australia. We need to protect good governance in Western Australia and make sure that in future any events conducted in Western Australia, with the support of government, are conducted in a way that the participants can be sure the highest standards of safety are followed, not only of the participants but also the wider community as those events are conducted. Nothing could be more reasonable for this house to demand. That is why this amendment comes before the house, and it should be accepted.

Opposition members: Hear, hear!

**DR K.D. HAMES (Dawesville — Minister for Tourism)** [4.40 pm]: I want to go through the amendment and reiterate some of the things I said in my previous contribution.

I had a meeting, as Madam Acting Speaker knows, with Kate Sanderson's brother, and talked through the issues. Quite clearly, he was extremely upset —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** He is here today; he is up in the gallery.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** Yes, I understand that.

Quite clearly, he was concerned about all the things that had occurred to his sister, and, of course, the other people who were injured in the race, and he put to me that the government should undertake an inquiry. My response was that the information I had been given by Tourism WA—from my previous requests, before I met him—when I said that I would like to see an inquiry into the events that occurred was that one of the difficulties was that the contract with the company involved contained a confidentiality clause. That confidentiality clause could be overturned by me in seeking information, but Tourism WA was not allowed to respond publicly to any issues relating to that event. But, nevertheless, I will remind everyone what happened.

This event had been held in the previous year. This is an international company—the chief executive officer is based in Hong Kong—that holds RacingThePlanet events all over the world. To participate in the event—my

understanding is that Kate and others signed it—there is an agreement that states, “I’m responsible for myself if something goes wrong; I will not take action against the company.” But as Mr Sanderson quite rightly pointed out, they did not expect, in signing that document, to be maimed for life, in effect.

Several members interjected.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** It is important to discuss the issue in terms of where we progress from here.

**Mr T.G. Stephens:** It is policy on the run.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** It is not policy on the run; it is an issue you have raised, and we are trying to respond to it in a sensible way.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** It is an extraordinarily important issue.

The reality is, as I have said, I would like to have been able to hold an inquiry. I wrote to Mal Wauchope, saying, “That is what I would like to do; please look at this and tell me if there is a way we can do it.” Mr Sanderson actually made the suggestion that one of the people injured was a CEO, so could we use the workers’ compensation act of this state, for example, to proceed with an inquiry. The state government had put in money—I have been through the details of the money before—and there were two components. One component contracted a private company to film footage, and we ended up having to pay about \$80 000 of that because it actually went and did that under contract to us.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** What has happened to that footage? Where is that footage now?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** In fact, I do not know; I have not even asked. The event, as members know, was cancelled.

A component of those funds—\$100 000-odd—was for part of the administration, promotion, and attraction of high quality people to the event. That component was to go to RacingThePlanet so that it could run a successful event. We never paid those funds because, as members know, the event was cancelled because of the fire. For members’ information, Tourism WA had an option on the event for a further two years; Tourism WA has made the decision that it will not proceed with funding any further events in the future because of concerns, obviously, at what happened, and respect for the injured persons.

One of the key questions for the inquiry is whether any government departments did anything wrong in all of that.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** We will not know until you have an inquiry.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I am just saying that I have not seen any evidence to suggest that.

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

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** Give me a break! This is a very important issue and I do not need the member to ride me every inch of the way. Let me finish my statement, because this is very important.

I had a meeting with the CEO of the company and asked her why the details of the insurance company had not been made public. We understand that the company has insurance, but in that meeting, on advice from its lawyers, the CEO refused even to confirm whether it had insurance. I know that the company does have insurance because we have confirmation of that.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Do you personally know who the insurers are?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** I am about to name the insurance company. That is a critical step forward because one of the main problems is that people affected have not known which insurance company to go to. The contact I have enables me to go to the company and ask it, despite the contract, to tell me who the insurance company is, and it has done that. I have the name here; it has just been passed to me. The insurance company is Jardine Lloyd Thomson. That gives the competitors the ability to go directly to the insurance company. I have no idea why the company would not name the insurance company. It gave me a convoluted argument about not telling people who the insurance company is because then people will claim and the premiums will go up. It is just incredible.

**Mr P. Papalia:** Kind of like you refusing to hold an inquiry.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** As I have told the member, I would like to hold an inquiry. Very shortly we will talk about an alternative option that we have been discussing during the break. Now that I have named the company, that will give the family the opportunity to go directly to the insurer. That is the critical issue. The family is not suggesting that government departments have done anything wrong. There have been some issues about who told who what and who said what when. The Fire and Emergency Services Authority report states clearly that two hours before the competitors were burnt, FESA provided advice to the event organisers that the fire was heading in that direction. The fire had been burning for a considerable time, as fires do all the time in the Kimberley. For those members who do not know, fires are a fact of life in the Kimberley. During the week I was talking to someone about fires in the Kimberley and was told that they occur in multiple places for about six

months of the year. Someone asked me why we do not do something for the tourists up there who are at risk. There has never been an event, to our knowledge, of someone in the Kimberley being injured in any way by a fire. It has not happened before, so there is no reason for us to rush out for something that occurs for six months of the year. Some fires burn for weeks and weeks as they slowly spread their way across the countryside. It is just a fact of life in the Kimberley that those fires occur. What happened in this tragic event was that the fire happened to converge in a gully. As tends to happen to fires in a gully, the wind increased the fire and whipped it through the gully, just as the competitors were getting to that location. That is what caused the event. I will sit down now because I think I have covered the issues that I have covered previously. The Premier will respond more specifically to the motion before us.

**MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier)** [4.50 pm]: As the Deputy Premier said, this is a tragic event and everyone has great sympathy for the competitors who suffered such severe injuries, particularly the burns and the partial amputation. In looking at this motion, I think that we as a Parliament need to be very conscious about what we think we might be doing, as distinct from what we are actually doing. I do not pretend to be an expert on this matter, but I would like to make some comments. I am not being critical of the opposition, but this matter has been raised and we are trying to understand what might be achieved realistically. I want to make few comments in that regard.

The amendment to the Premier's Statement calls for an independent judicial inquiry; I do not think there is any such thing. Let me explain that. In general terms, there are three forms of inquiry that could be initiated. We could have a royal commission; obviously that would be headed by a judge. I do not think anyone is suggesting that there be a royal commission into this, with all the complexities and costs that would go with it. I do not think that is possible. We could have an inquiry under the Public Sector Management Act; that would require that the terms of reference relate to the public sector in the first instance. The initial advice of the Public Sector Commissioner is that there is not much in this that would seem to relate to the public sector; and, indeed, if it were to be an inquiry under the Public Sector Management Act, the terms of reference, by necessity, would be very narrow, which may not get to the point of what we are aiming at. An inquiry under the Public Sector Management Act might perhaps look at whether the government should have been a sponsor, but it would not get to the prime issues of the conduct of the event, whether there was negligence and, indeed, maybe issues as to whether those injured should receive some form of additional compensation; but we are not going to get to those issues under the Public Sector Management Act. Even if an inquiry were to be set up under the Public Sector Management Act, yes, we could employ a judge to do that, and that is what is often referred to as a judicial inquiry, but it would not be wide ranging like a royal commission. Even if a judge were to be appointed under the Public Sector Management Act to carry out a special inquiry, it would be limited by the Public Sector Management Act. I think the first vehicle, a royal commission, would be over the top and unwarranted. An inquiry—no matter who heads it up—under the Public Sector Management Act is limited to the public sector role, and I do not think that is the main point. I think the point the member is referring to is the injuries to the competitors and the conduct of the event which, as the Deputy Premier has explained, has been a private event on private land, where athletes signed a waiver. I think all of us would share disquiet over the way this event was conducted. So there are limitations.

The third vehicle is to have a parliamentary inquiry, which is not bound by the restrictions of the Public Sector Management Act and is not judicial; it is parliamentary. However, it would also face some other limitations. In particular, if a parliamentary inquiry were to try to subpoena and call witnesses, and those witnesses were outside Australia and not in any way subject to Australian law or jurisdiction, would they be likely to appear and cooperate? Highly unlikely, I would think.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** That's not sufficient —

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** No, the member is not listening to what I am saying. That, I think, is highly unlikely, and that would be a limitation on the effectiveness of the inquiry. I am trying to give my layperson's assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the different ways of dealing with this.

Without putting words into the mouth of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism, I think it is fair to say that we accept that something went dramatically wrong with this issue. We acknowledge that the state government was a sponsor; the involvement of the state government did not go much beyond that, but people may inquire and question that.

Is the member listening? I am trying to talk to her; I am trying to treat this seriously.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I'm listening to every word you say.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** No, the member was not, but it does not matter. I am trying to actually respond in a constructive way.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I appreciate that, Premier. I certainly appreciate it.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Okay.

I am trying to say that there are limitations in whatever way we go, and there are limitations to the ability to call witnesses and demand that they participate and cooperate, given that they may not be in Australia and we have no jurisdiction.

However, this was a tragic event; it went horribly wrong, with dreadful consequences for the athletes concerned. From a government perspective, we will be prepared to support an inquiry. The best view we have in the short time available is that that will probably best be a parliamentary inquiry, if we want to get to issues about the organisation of the event, the activities of the promoters and whatever else. If we go down the path of the Public Sector Management Act, we will be restricted to the roles of public servants and government, and I do not think that is really the main point.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** A parliamentary inquiry is certainly superior to —

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** A parliamentary inquiry is possible; how effective it can be in an international theatre, I do not know. That is a limitation. Even if this motion is altered and passed—let us say that we change it to provide that there be a parliamentary inquiry into this matter, and change the terms of reference—it would sit on the notice paper in a dormant way until the whole response to the Premier’s Statement was concluded. It would actually be put on ice for most of the parliamentary year. It would simply sit there as an amendment to the address-in-reply. Nothing can happen until the address-in-reply is completed.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** How does that stop you from taking action? I don’t see that.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** If this is the vehicle that is used—an amendment to the address-in-reply—it will sit on the notice paper for the rest of the year until the address-in-reply is concluded. It would go to the Governor, the Governor would respond and then it may happen. I suggest that the member for Midland withdraw this motion or we defeat it on the basis that the government undertakes to conduct an inquiry. Next week, when the address-in-reply is not before the house, the opposition could move a motion—say, a matter of public interest—to propose the inquiry. We would obviously want to have some input into the terms of reference but it would be a parliamentary committee. Some consideration needs to be given to whether this is about the role of government, the role of the sponsors, the management of the event or even compensation or some sort of redress to those injured. I think that needs some discussion. I guess it is now up to the member for Midland. The government would be bound to vote against this because it would simply sit on the notice paper, but next week we would entertain a motion proposing an inquiry. We would like to have some sort of discussion with the opposition about that or suggest that the member for Midland withdraw the amendment, which I think is the best way forward.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** We have raised it today and it wouldn’t be our intention to use an MPI for this. If this is a jointly agreed thing, why can’t we have government time?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** We will talk about that. The opposition has made the case today.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I do not want to delay the procedures of the house. If you allocate government time to it and we have a discussion, I would be more than happy.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** If we can agree on the terms of reference of the committee, the member for Midland should move it in private members’ business and I hope we would come to a quick resolution. That is what private members’ business is for. The government would not delay any debate.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Do I understand that your offer of next week is available whether I withdraw or whether we defeat it?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** The offer is there.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Premier, you suggested to me that I could withdraw the motion.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I think that is a better way of handling it because then the ball stays in the member’s court. It is better for the victims that it is withdrawn, on the understanding that it will come back next week or the week after, otherwise it will just sit on the notice paper for the next 10 months.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** I appreciate it and I look forward to your cooperation. Thank you, Premier.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

#### *Consideration Resumed*

**MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan) [4.59 pm]:** It is a pleasure to be here today to discuss the Premier’s Statement. I was disappointed with the Premier’s address-in-reply because I did not see a lot of new things in it for the suburbs. I believe the suburbs in Western Australia are missing out. There is a concentration of pet projects in the city, be it the “Premier’s Palace” or the Perth Waterfront project. The issues of population growth and congestion cannot be overestimated. They are issues affecting families throughout the suburbs. It is taking longer and longer to do our everyday business and to take our kids to school or to pick up our kids from child care.

Whatever we are doing is taking longer and longer because of the massive congestion on our streets. I believe the government does not have a plan to deal with that congestion in the future. It has no plan, no real commitments and no funding to deal with the massive population growth through our suburbs. Generally, I was disappointed in the Premier's address-in-reply.

The concept of a future fund is interesting but to me it appears more like a government trying to show it has a vision than a government that has a vision. With debt out of control, going from \$3.6 billion in 2008 to around \$17 billion this financial year, it will be interesting to see how this future fund works. Should the focus of the government not be on reducing its debt? I know by implication that a future fund could do that, but it will be an interesting bill that is brought into this place if it shows that it makes economic sense to create a future fund at the same time as debt is spiralling out of control. This government has no plan to control its debt. Its only hope is to get more goods and services tax receipts than are forecast. That is the government's only hope and its only strategy basically. It has no plan apart from trying to get more GST out of the commonwealth. As I said, the Premier's speech was disappointing; it has nothing new for the suburbs and has complete disregard for the future planning of our suburbs and for families in our suburbs.

I cannot move on without talking about the cost of living. The government thinks it embarrasses WA Labor when it talks about us having frozen electricity prices for eight years. We are proud that we froze electricity prices for eight years because we ensured that families would not bear the brunt of bad decisions. This government has made bad decisions, and families in Western Australia are paying for them. The massive increases in electricity and water charges are making it harder and harder for families to balance their budgets. Families in suburbs throughout Western Australia are experiencing significant financial pain because of the decisions of this government. I know that the Premier is trying to recreate himself as caring and compassionate, but it is a bit too late. The Premier cannot whack families with massive increases and charges and cut funding for programs such as Redress WA—I remember when the government cut funding for paupers' funerals for goodness sake!—and then try to recreate himself. The community is suffering under massive increases, and those increases were a direct result of decisions of this government.

I am therefore proud that WA Labor kept the increases in its household charges under the inflation rate over our term of government. It was a significant achievement, given the extraordinary pressures on our budget at the time. No-one can underestimate the difficulty there was in actually implementing that measure and sustaining it over eight years, but we did it. We did it because we knew that families should not bear the brunt of the decisions in such a way. So, as I said, we are proud of freezing those electricity prices. This government could have adopted any strategy it wanted—a 10-year pricing path or anything. It chose to come into this Parliament and announce massive increases in its first budget in the hope that everyone would forget in three or four years. The problem with that is every time people get their electricity, gas or water bill, they realise that this government has made massive increases to their household charges. As I said, the massive increases and charges are impacting on all Western Australians.

I want to move on to other issues in my electorate. I want to of course start with the issue of Ballajura police station. The closure of Ballajura police station was a bad decision by this government. Closing suburban police stations does not make the community feel safer; it actually makes the community feel less safe.

**Mr P. Abetz:** What about more officers on the road?

**Mr T.G. Stephens:** You listen to what she has to say. It is a bad decision and you know it!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It is a very bad decision and I actually think the Premier's office thought it was a bad decision.

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members! Member for Armadale!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I think the issue of closing police stations is something about which the opposite side is a little touchy and a little sensitive, and I can tell members why in a second. Through the freedom of information legislation, I have some great information on just how sensitive this government is about closing police stations. An email from an officer in the Premier's office and addressed to the Minister for Police's office states —

Narelle and John have both independently come to me asking about the closure of Ballajura Police Station.

We realise that policing needs to be both effective and efficient, but are worried at the optics of closing the station.

Several members interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Well, I would be! The optics were not good!

Several members interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Bad optics—very bad optics!

Again, the email continued —

Can you send through the lines that you use when this happens, —

The closure happened in 2009 and this email was sent in 2011. This is a government across the issues in the suburbs —

as well as any options you have investigated for lessening the impact in the local community (installing more security monitoring equipment, more patrols in the area)?

The government closed the police station and at the time put in no alternatives—no more equipment and no extra resources. As I said previously, the decision to close that police station was a very, very bad decision and the community is still very, very angry about it. Of course, the Premier’s office knew that it was “very bad optics” to close a police station. All I can say about the response from the minister’s office is that at least his staff knew the station had been closed! The minister’s officer responded —

Ballajura was closed well over a year ago and while it was the Commissioners decision it had the full support of the Minister.

That is good to know. It is good to know that the minister backed the closing of the Ballajura police station—100 per cent. Of course, the closure of Ballajura police station created some issues. The Deputy Speaker, the member for Mount Lawley, wrote to, I think, the minister’s office. Yes; he wrote to the minister’s office.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** Ask him; he is in the chair.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Pardon?

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** You are not allowed to address the Chair.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** In his letter, the member for Mount Lawley referred to an article about the closure of the Ballajura police station with one line, “Headlines in my local rag??!” He was referring to the article on the front page of the 26 July edition of the *Eastern Reporter* with the headline, “Bring back our cops”. As a result of the Liberal backbench getting a bit nervous about the closing of police stations, a few meetings were held and a forum was organised by WA Police in Ballajura on 1 December. I attended, and I know that some members opposite attended; it was a very good forum. The key findings that emerged reinforced why it was a bad decision to close the Ballajura police station. WA Police acknowledged that there had been a policing problem in Ballajura and that there needed to be a better police presence in the area. WA Police also acknowledged that response times in Ballajura were below average since the closure of the Ballajura police station. It was a good forum because all that information came out. Around that time, or a few months later, a front-page article mentioned the surplus of police officers following the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. I thought that this would be a good chance to get more police officers in Ballajura and wrote to the Minister for Police—as I tend to do, Minister for Police!—asking whether we could have some of the surplus officers assigned to Ballajura. I want to read out the response from the Minister for Police, because I think it an absolute disgrace.

**Mr R.F. Johnson:** Do you?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes, I do.

**Mr R.F. Johnson:** Well, I think the way that you left Ballajura police station is an absolute disgrace.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** At least it was there!

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

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order, members! Order, Minister for Police! The member for West Swan has the call.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Thank you. At least the minister acknowledges that we left a police station in Ballajura.

**Mr R.F. Johnson** interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** And you closed it! You closed it!

**Mr R.F. Johnson:** I did not close it.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** You did. You closed it.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** You were 100 per cent behind the decision!

Several members interjected.

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

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** You were 100 per cent behind the decision!

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I will quote an email from one of the minister's staff members to, I think, a staff member at the Premier's office. The email states —

Ballajura was closed well over a year ago and while it was the Commissioners decision it had the full support of the Minister.

There we go! The minister fully supported the decision.

Several members interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The minister fully supported the closure of the police station.

A member interjected: It was open!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It was open. It was there. And now it is not there.

**Mr F.A. Alban** interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Swan Hills!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The member for Swan Hills sent me a card for my children. I really appreciated that. I want to create a better relationship this year.

**Mr F.A. Alban** interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I do not want to argue with the member for Swan Hills.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Now that we have ascertained certain points, member for West Swan, continue.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I really appreciated that card; it was very nice. I thank the member.

The police station was there, and then it was gone. Since then, this government has been trying to recreate history. Again, the Liberal backbenchers got a bit nervous. Member for Maylands, was it Bayswater Police Station they referred to?

**Ms L.L. Baker:** Yes, Bayswater.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** They were very nervous about Bayswater Police Station. But do not worry! There is a commitment to keep it open until May 2013. That is an interesting date. The government will commit to keep it open until May 2013. Do members not think that the people of Maylands and Morley might see something coming? Government members say it will be open until May 2013. That is great! It is a very good long-term commitment!

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** It depends on who the member is afterwards.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Exactly; the people know that if they want to keep their suburban police stations, they have to vote Labor.

Back to those community meetings I attended—they were great community meetings —

**Mr F.A. Alban:** That's a good one!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Let us figure this out: the government closes them, and we do not.

**Mr R.F. Johnson** interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** We closed them? Was it us or the police commissioner? Come on; the minister said we closed them. The government closed Ballajura police station.

**Mr R.F. Johnson** interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The government closed Ballajura police station. We have fought some elections since then, but the government closed Ballajura police station and it is going to close Bayswater Police Station in May 2013.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Hansard reporter has no chance of reporting what the member for West Swan is saying, so please let us have some silence and let her complete her speech. The member will address her comments to the Chair.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I go back to those community forums, which were pretty good. The Minister for Police wrote to me after I said to him, "Look, there are all these excess police officers that you are championing on the front page of the paper. Throw some to Ballajura possibly, since you closed the police station." The minister wrote —

Police advise that at the meeting on 1 September the Commissioner of Police and Assistant Commissioner Budge referred to additional resources, such as the Regional Operations Group or Mounted Police, being made available in Ballajura on an “as-needs” basis, however, it was made clear these were statewide resources and were not solely dedicated to Ballajura.

This whole forum was about placating what was happening in Ballajura, and the government never dedicated more resources. The letter continues —

I understand that at no stage did ... the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner commit to additional resources being assigned to either Ballajura ... on a permanent basis.

**Mr F.A. Alban** interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Member for Swan Hills!

The letter also says that the major issues discussed at both meetings were not directly related to policing, which indicated there was little community concern about the numbers and actions of police in the suburb. Therefore, two forums were created to discuss policing, at which all the matters discussed were policing, and then the minister wrote me a letter to say that the issues discussed at that forum had nothing to do with policing and that the community is not concerned about policing in Ballajura. Honestly, I have never seen anything like it.

We have had thousands of signatures on petitions—2 755 on the 2011 petition; 1 653 signatures on the 2009 petition—and over 650 postcards were returned from a survey in 2009. It is a significant issue. Honestly! I cannot believe how the minister has treated the people of Ballajura both in what he did without consultation and how he has treated them since. It is an absolute disgrace. No wonder the other backbenchers are worried. If that is how he goes about treating people in the suburbs, there will be significant issues. He cannot go around closing communities’ police stations without consultation and then say that no-one cares about it, when they definitely do.

**Mr R.F. Johnson:** Do you have a job realising the truth? You make these statements that you know are not truthful.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The Minister for Police has no credibility in the community. Honestly! He had better sit there and not talk because he has no credibility on this issue, absolutely none. In the history of this Parliament I have not seen a minister treat matters of policy with so much contempt.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member, direct your comments to the Chair, please.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** On every matter before him he looks only at the politics; he never looks at the policy. Ministers of the Crown have responsibility to sometimes think about the policy; not the politics every time. Everyone in this house knows that this minister deals with every single matter in a political way. He never addresses the substance or the policy of the matter. It is an absolute disgrace.

[Member’s time extended.]

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Again and again he has demonstrated how he deals with the public generally and with us as members representing the views of the people in our electorates—with absolute disdain.

I want to talk about another issue, and that is the Ellenbrook rail line.

**Mr F.A. Alban:** When are you going to build one?

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Please, member for Swan Hills.

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Swan Hills!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Member for Swan Hills, please; you sent me a nice card and I appreciate it.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan, address your comments to the Chair, please.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Mr Deputy Speaker, the member for Swan Hills sent me a lovely card and I appreciate it. I do not want to get into that type of relationship this year; I really do not.

Several members interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Let us talk about the Ellenbrook rail line, the biggest broken election commitment of this government. It broke a commitment. The Premier still has not admitted to it, but I am sure we will get there; I am sure that in four and a half years he will admit to something that is as plain as anything—a broken commitment. Of course, we had no apology, but we have a broken commitment. Then of course there was the 2031 public

transport plan. Jeez, it was a good document. I was so looking forward to it. I was waiting for that public transport document. Every week I would go in and ask, “Have you got it yet?” Anyway, the public transport document came.

**Mr A.J. Waddell:** Great reading!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Great reading! I think we got it in October, and since then the minister has had a lot of good press. The document refers to light rail and rail lines going underneath runways to airports. That is a really interesting concept. I cannot wait to see it costed. It contains all these great ideas.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** Orrong Road is going to be double storey.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Orrong Road will have three tiers. It would be the first three-tiered road in the state’s history. The document contains a lot of good ideas. I was a little bit upset when I read in one of this week’s papers that the Minister for Transport said, “Look, we’re very good at planning.” He said it today also: “We’re very good at planning.” However, when it comes to all the details such as where these systems will go, where the dollars will come from and how much it will cost, we will just have to wait. After waiting three years for a public transport plan for our suburbs, we get it —

**Mr P.B. Watson:** It’s Barney world—somewhere out there!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Somewhere out there. After three years it is finally released, and there are no details, no commitments and no funding—nothing. As I said, some of the ideas are great. Building a tunnel under runways is a really good concept and I am sure that it would not cost much at all!

**Mr P. Papalia:** Sarcasm doesn’t translate into *Hansard*.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Sorry; yes. In brackets, of course it will cost a lot. There is a great plan, but no timetable, no detail and no funding. Because this government does not allocate funding when it makes commitments; it allocates funding when the Premier thinks so. For instance, when the government made a decision to build a stadium, it did not fund it.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** There is \$750 million for Roe stage 8.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** There is Roe stage 8; there are a lot of unfunded commitments. The pre-election financial statement will be very interesting. Does either side of politics have to fund its commitments under this sort of paradigm?

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** That is going to make the costings easy.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The costings will be very easy because, if we use the Premier’s methodology, we do not actually fund when we make a commitment; we fund when we think we are about to start construction—that is pretty much it. Therefore, I cannot see either side of politics needing to provide costing documents at the next election, because that is all so far away; it is only if we win and it might be in a few years’ time. If we used the Premier’s methodology, neither side would need to provide costings documents because funding would only actually have to earmarked and shown when the earth was about to be dug up. It is absolutely ridiculous, and in any other state or in the federal arena a government would not get away with it. To have a budget that does not contain key projects for which cabinet decisions must have been made is an absolute disgrace.

As I said, Transport 2031 has a transit way for Ellenbrook, which is interesting, and I am looking forward to seeing the details. Earlier this year I asked when the details for the transit way would be delivered, because I thought it would be good. I am waiting for it; I am waiting for the details and the costing. I am waiting for an answer about whether the transit way goes all the way to Bassendean station or just to Reid Highway—I think it is the latter. For the government to not do anything on our rail system in three and a half years, nearly four years, is an absolute joke. Some more buses have been put on. That is what a government should do. It should fund kids going to school, it should fund hospitals and it should put some buses on; that is what it should do. But how about planning for the future and the issue of congestion in the suburbs? In a recent article in *The West Australian* it was very well put how people in Perth used to always say, “I’ll be there in 20 minutes.” I liked that. Wherever someone was going, they would be there in 20 minutes. Now, that possibility has absolutely gone and that has a huge impact on families throughout the suburbs. There is no funding-committed plan to help us solve this problem. I think it is an absolute disgrace. We can talk about buses all we like; we love buses. But the government is barely keeping up with population growth. There are serious changes happening in our suburbs, serious population growth, and we need a serious, committed public transport plan to fix it and that is absolutely not happening. The only extension the government is currently working on is something that pretty much was a no-brainer and was all planned by the former Labor government. It was basically extending a line a few kilometres north—of course that would be done. Again, the people of Ellenbrook are still waiting for the final plan from the government. The government likes to ask the Labor Party what it will do. The government has

been in power for three and a half years; it should tell us what it will do. The Liberal–National coalition is in government and has been for three and a half years, it has spent millions on a plan, so why does it not tell us what it will do? We are in opposition; we will tell the government what we will do soon enough, but the government has been in power for three and a half years with the plans, with the dollars—with the public service developing the plans —

**Mr P. Papalia:** Ya canna hand a man a granda planna!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** No, you cannot!

It is quite funny, because the Minister for Transport is very proud of his planning. We heard him today; he is very proud of his planning! He is very proud of the planning for Ocean Reef marina, but again, I wonder whether there are any dollars. I mean, we could all do this: we could all go out and say, “Look, isn’t this a good idea?” Maybe we should do it. We should all go out and say, “Isn’t this a good idea? I might plan for it, but, geez, I don’t know when I am going to be able to fund it!”

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** The Kimberley canal!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes!

**Mr A.J. Waddell:** A space station!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** A space station with canal elements to it, member for Cannington!

I have a bit of time left. There are other key issues in my electorate; there are numerous other issues I wish I had more time to speak about, but there is the issue about transport infrastructure throughout the area. The Perth–Darwin highway is another interesting one. The state government says that the federal government has to fund it and I asked whether the state government had done the planning for the federal government to fund it. The answer was, “No; not yet, but the federal government said no.” Of course the federal government would say no if the state government had not actually done the planning. In this case, the Minister for Transport has not done the planning.

When I asked for the business case for the project, I was flatly refused: no. Again, it is worrying that members of Parliament are being treated with such contempt by ministers.

There are a number of other road priority projects in my area—the Gnangara Road duplication, the Reid Highway duplication between West Swan Road and Beechboro, and, of course, Henley Brook Avenue. Henley Brook Avenue is a very important road project. The construction of Henley Brook Avenue will alleviate a lot of the traffic pressure on Lord Street and West Swan Road. It will also take some of the residential traffic off those tourism roads. I believe that is a priority, and I want to see that pre-funded and some contribution made from the state government.

I want to touch on two other issues to do with my electorate. Another absolutely ridiculous process that this government has put in place is the supposed review of the Swan Valley Planning Act. I asked the Minister for Planning whether he was reviewing the Swan Valley Planning Act, and he said no. I asked him again, and he said, “Well, yes, maybe we are”! A review is being undertaken—I think it is currently with the minister, or somewhere—and, again, it is one of those things that as local members of Parliament we have not been involved in or asked about. This is a significant review, and there is a lot of contention about it in the Swan Valley. I would like to be able to contribute to that review. But, as I have said, the Minister for Planning is unsure whether he is undertaking a review. The future of the Swan Valley is at a critical stage, and we will be putting forward some views on that matter over the next 12 months.

Another issue that I want to raise is the chlorine facility at the Mirrabooka waste water treatment plant. That plant is technically in the electorate of my colleague the member for Nollamara. The buffer for this plant extends into Ballajura, and that is impacting on the size of a proposed aged care facility. I used to get some results from the former Minister for Water, because I believe he cares about getting results for the community. However, the current Minister for Water is basically a post box for the department. He never tries to solve a problem for us. All he does is say “The computer says no” or “The department says no”. The only thing that the Water Corporation needs to do is change the types of chemicals that are used in this waste water treatment plant. That will mean that the size of the buffer can be reduced, and that will enable the aged care facility to be built according to the original idea. That can be done at minimal cost, and I think some agreement could be struck between the City of Swan and the state government to share those costs. But, again, we cannot get anywhere with this Minister for Water, because, as I said, he is just a post box for the department. He does not care about solving problems. He just basically goes through the paperwork.

Another key issue relates to a chicken farm located in my electorate.

**Mr P. Papalia:** Oh! A sleeper issue for 2012!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It is a significant issue for 2012.

**Mr P. Papalia:** A sleeper issue.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It is a sleeper issue. This issue was meant to go before council two weeks ago but has been deferred until next week. The issue will ultimately come to the Western Australian Planning Commission for final decision, because the chicken farm operates under a specific planning bulletin. All I can say is this is a massive issue for the people who live next door to this chicken farm. There are some real concerns about why and how this chicken farm has been able to operate outside of its licence conditions for a number of years, with a significant impact on the lifestyle of the neighbours. I believe the state government should be proactive in its planning and relocate these chicken farms so that they are not near residential areas and areas earmarked for further residential development. This is an issue that many people in our electorates and in the community are facing. Because this is a statewide issue, and in particular an issue that crosses the outer suburbs, the state government needs to be proactive in relocating these chicken farms through assistance and through other measures. This particular chicken farm at 60 Cheltenham Road is a significant issue that will need a lot of work from the WAPC to ensure that it does not remain at this location in the future.

**MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro) [5.30 pm]:** I stood in this place on the corresponding day a year ago and made a speech that I suspect is quite similar to the one I am going to make now. Sadly, I am here to report on the government's activities in my electorate, specifically the Barnett government's Golden Bay development which was first announced in September 2010 and which, according to the government, would bring an additional 4 500 people into the suburb of Golden Bay to live in some 2 100 separate homes—I suspect that the population will be much higher than that. That development will have a social housing ratio of one in nine, which is completely out of kilter and inconsistent with surrounding suburbs, but which might possibly be accommodated if the government were undertaking to provide appropriate and relevant services to support the new, growing population. Instead, the responsible minister, Minister Buswell, the Minister for Housing, is refusing not only to provide that support or to acknowledge that support is required but also to meet with any of the concerned citizens—the people who live around this suburb and who will be directly impacted by the development, and who, in fact, are already being impacted by the development. The minister is refusing to acknowledge that they have quite legitimate concerns or to give any indication at all whether he has heard their concerns about the necessity for improved services, including a police station.

I listened with great interest to the member for West Swan and her contribution on the Ballajura police station, because I watched with sadness as her experience with this government replicated my own with regard to police stations in the local community. Unlike the member for West Swan, I am not able to say that there was a police station servicing the requirements of my community when I first won office, but I can say that \$10 million had been budgeted to build that police station, that land worth \$3 million had been purchased for that police station, and that when Labor lost office in September 2008, three-and-a-half long years ago, the new Minister for Police, the current Minister for Police, made an undertaking, particularly to the people of southern Rockingham, that the new police station at Secret Harbour would go ahead. Following some inquiries, I suggested that perhaps the incoming government would cancel the police station to be built on land that had been purchased by the previous government. The minister scoffed at that and reported in the local media that the opposition was being fanciful and, of course, the commitment to the new police station would stand. Several months later the minister completely backflipped his commitment, and he cancelled the police station; he shifted the funding for the build of the police station to go towards the Premier's electorate to build a police hub in Cottesloe—that hotbed of crime that is the leafy western suburb of Cottesloe. Cottesloe will be supported by a new police hub partially funded by the \$10 million that was allocated to the police station at Secret Harbour; it will be okay.

The police station at Secret Harbour was cancelled, and, to add insult to injury, the land that had been purchased specifically for that police station was sold. The minister will not reveal where the money from that sale has gone. He has not told us how much he got for the sale of that land. I wonder whether he got the amount it was purchased for. That will be an interesting bit of information for the minister to provide. He can tell the people of Secret Harbour and surrounding suburbs—Golden Bay, Singleton, Warnbro, Port Kennedy, even out to Settlers Hill, and Baldivis and Karnet to the east. All those suburbs would have been serviced by a police station somewhere between Rockingham and Mandurah; instead they have none. There is a desert of police support between Rockingham and Mandurah. That has nothing to do with the efforts of the police, who make valiant efforts to provide support. If truth be told—if they were allowed to tell the truth—they would confirm that geographical separation between those two large police hubs means it is not possible to provide the same degree and level of service to suburbs that are located in the middle of that separation as it is to suburbs that are closer to the police hub. It is just commonsense. It is also the experience of the people who live in those suburbs. They constantly tell me that despite significant levels of antisocial behaviour, the challenges of widely reported violent behaviour—as recently as a week or so ago a poor father was assaulted and glassed when he disturbed a burglar in his own home in Warnbro—and the severity of some of the crimes committed in the southern suburbs of Rockingham and, no doubt, the northern suburbs of Mandurah, it is impossible for the police to provide the same level of response and the same assurance of high level of service to those suburbs because of the distances involved.

I know that advocates of police hubs claim that an adequate number of police operate out of that hub; it is okay because people get a better level of service from bigger hubs because greater numbers are located there. They claim that there is a greater capacity and a wider spread of skills so that the police are able to respond in a better and more appropriate fashion to multiple demands. If that were the case, we would have to assume that those hubs are properly resourced. If a damaged child with a significant number of problems goes to a primary school, holds a knife to his or her throat and threatens other students and teachers in the southern suburbs of Rockingham, we would have to assume that if the principal of that school called for police, they would get a pretty quick response. We would not expect them to be told by the police that their three cars are already allocated and, "Sorry, we cannot come right now." That has occurred. It did not occur recently; it happened last year. I am in no way critical of the police, but it suggests that there might be a flaw in the argument that consolidating resources in these large hubs somehow provides a better policing service.

If I were to speak to anybody in the southern suburbs of Rockingham or in the eastern suburbs at Settlers Hills, Karnup, Baldivis, or in the northern suburbs of Mandurah, they would say they do not believe that hubs work. They would tell us that we should return to community policing. Maybe we do not have a PhD in policing. Maybe those people who are subjected to antisocial behaviour on a regular basis—almost every weekend—in the outer suburbs, which do not have the services of a police hub, and those people who are subjected to violent crimes and do not get the fast response that they would like, do not have the qualifications that would entitle them to have an opinion about policing. Maybe they should not be allowed to pass commentary on the commissioner and police minister's plans for hubs for the City of Perth and how policing is allocated. Maybe they should be asked to keep quiet and not make any comment. Then again, maybe not! Maybe those people should be allowed to come to their local members of Parliament and let their feelings be known. Maybe if there were adequate representation on the other side of the house, we would have an impact on the Minister for Police. He does not listen to us or the tens of thousands of people whom the Labor Party represents. He might listen to the backbenchers on the government side if they had a voice. I am looking over at the backbenchers now as they all assiduously look at their computers and find it impossible to look up because they are so busy doing whatever they are doing. I reckon they would be hearing the same sorts of comments that we hear; that is, hubs do not work and maybe consideration should be given to returning to a more localised and responsive police service and to a police service in which the local copper knows the ratbags and knows which ones they have to see when they have a suspicion about who did a crime, rather than having people located a 40-minute drive away.

**Mr P.T. Miles:** Rubbish!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The member for Wanneroo does not believe me. He does not think that the people in his seat want localised policing. He thinks that hubs are the only way to go. That is fine; that is his opinion. If that is what his constituents are telling him, that is fine; I am glad he is representing their views, but that does not reflect the views of the people in the communities that I represent. It is not just policing in Golden Bay; it is not just that an additional 4 500 people are being crammed into Golden Bay by the Barnett government with very little planning and very little consideration of the services they will require; it is also public transport. I note today that the Minister for Transport bragged that he had bought some buses. I share the member for West Swan's scepticism. I believe that purchasing new buses and replacing old buses is just part of government. That is just normal behaviour, as is extending railway lines throughout the suburbs. In this case, the entire contribution to public transport by the Liberal and National Parties in the past three decades has been an extension of the line to Butler. How long is that track, member for Ocean Reef? How much additional railway line has the Liberal Party laid in three decades?

Several members interjected.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Eight kilometres; is that what it was, or am I exaggerating? On the day that the southern railway line to Mandurah opened—the member for South Perth and I were on the train—the metropolitan rail network doubled in length. Did the member for South Perth notice that it was electrified? That was because a Labor government built it. Previous Labor governments electrified the northern line, too. They built the line and then electrified it.

**Dr A.D. Buti** interjected.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Charlie Court's contribution was to shut the Fremantle line. Labor opened it again. There is no way that anyone in Western Australia is going to be convinced by Hon Troy Buswell that the Liberal and National Parties have anything in the way of a commitment to public transport. I am sorry; they have zero credibility—none at all. It is not going to happen. He can make as many jokes as he wants.

**Ms L.L. Baker:** He is a joke!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I find the member for Vasse quite humorous. I enjoy the member for Vasse's contributions. I find him much more entertaining than some other ministers, and I enjoy his presence in the chamber. Nevertheless, no matter how many jokes he tells, it will not improve the credibility of members on that side of the house on public transport. The sad fact of the matter is that the government actually has to do things. It has to

make a demonstrable change and improvement in its approach to public transport if it ever wants to get any credibility in that field of endeavour. There is none of it in my electorate. I heard about all the things that were going on in the seat of Wanneroo. I heard some of my backbenchers —

**Mr M.P. Whitely:** Your backbenchers!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I knew the member for Bassendean would say that.

Several members interjected.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I do beg your pardon. The esteemed member for Bassendean is right.

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I retract that statement!

I heard many of my colleagues on this side of the house suggest that the amount of work going into bus services in Wanneroo must indicate some fairly dire polling. It must be an indication of some fairly atrocious polling for the member for Wanneroo!

Several members interjected.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Wanneroo is an outer metropolitan growth electorate. The mirror image at the other end of the metropolitan area is my seat. We have similar growth and the same people go there; the people who come for the boom go to the outer metropolitan growth areas such as Wanneroo and the seat of Warnbro. The suburbs of Singleton, Golden Bay, Secret Harbour, Settlers Hills, Baldivis, Karnup, Warnbro and Port Kennedy down in that part of the world have massive growth as a direct result of the boom that does not exist, according to Colin Barnett. That is why we are sending out hundreds of letters every month to welcome new electors to the electorate. There is no boom on, so I do not know what it is, but they just keep coming! People are coming into that electorate, but the electorate does not receive the attention to public transport by the Minister for Transport that Wanneroo is receiving. That is what I got from that contribution today. All that gloating about the new services that the member for Wanneroo's electorate had received is in stark contrast with the minister's response to my representations on behalf of the people in the southern suburbs of Rockingham. I can tell members that I have written directly to the minister about the Golden Bay development because he is doing this.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The minister responsible for the Golden Bay development is the Minister for Housing, who just coincidentally happens to be the Minister for Transport, which would be a happy circumstance, a happy coincidence —

Several members interjected.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** No, that is not the word I was searching for; I was grasping for a different word! That aside, it would have been nice if, given his dual role, the Minister for Housing, in cramming 4 500 people into the suburb, had turned to his other role of transport and considered whether those people—one in nine of those households will be in Homeswest public housing—might benefit from improved public transport.

At the moment, Baldivis and the southern suburbs of Rockingham are acknowledged as gaps in the public transport system. The minister acknowledges it, his planning documentation acknowledges it and his department acknowledges it. The minister reluctantly revealed, via an FOI document that the opposition managed to obtain, that his own department had advised him that the next station on the southern suburbs line should be the Karnup station, for which land at Paganoni Road has been allocated. Karnup station would be halfway between the Warnbro and Mandurah stations and would service the northern suburbs of Mandurah and the southern suburbs of Rockingham, including the future Golden Bay development. The minister has refused to make a decision about that. He is advised by his department—not only the housing department, but also the transport department—that the station should be built in advance of any development, including the future Keralup development, whether it comes or not, and, obviously, developments of the scale of Golden Bay. That would promote a transport-oriented development and also provide public transport for the additional people coming into the region. The minister said that he was not going to make a decision about that. Worse than that, when the locals began to get anxious about what this Barnett government was doing in its development at Golden Bay, they had a public meeting and requested the presence of the government, but all they got were the developers who had won the development contract. The developers are just acting on behalf of the government; the developers are not going to make a huge amount of money out of this. They are making enough, obviously, to make it a viable development, but the actual profit from this development is going to the Department of Housing. I know that because the minister has told me. At least \$200 million profit from the development, once it is all sold, will go to the Department of Housing.

Two hundred million! That is after the developers' money. That is more or less around \$25 million, but it is not \$200 million. A significant amount of money will go into the government's coffers. By the sound of it, it is probably going to Wanneroo to pay for extra buses around the "threatened" member for Wanneroo's seat! The polling must be so bad they want to do as much as they can. They have gone into overdrive up there. It is desperate times! Have we preselected an opponent? Have we got someone up there yet? We have not even preselected an opponent and they are in panic mode! I hope it does not go like Bunbury.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** My mum is very keen!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I had better return to the subject!

When the locals became concerned about the Golden Bay development, they called a meeting with the government. All they got was the developers. The developers did their best but whenever there was a question about services such as police, public transport, schools and education, there was no answer because the developers are about putting the roads in and landscaping; they have nothing to do with government services. The people who should have been there should have been from the minister's office. I let the minister know about that. I thought it might have been an oversight—he is a busy man; he is flat out. He has lots to do.

**Dr A.D. Buti:** Riding bikes!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** He is picking up portfolios at the rate of one a month! Perhaps it is oversight. I wrote to the Minister for Transport on 29 July last year, a couple of days after the meeting I attended. This public meeting was noteworthy. It was in the middle of winter and it was a horrendous night, pouring with rain, fierce winds, yet more than 200 people showed up to express concerns and seek information. I wrote to the minister along the lines that there was a lot of concern, particularly relating to the significant increase in density in the proposed development as a result of the amendment to the City of Rockingham town planning scheme. The high ratio of social housing flagged for the development exceeds that of the surrounding suburbs. Other key criticisms related to the lack of public infrastructure to support the intended increase in population. Notably, the meeting discussed the need for a local police station, a Golden Bay primary school, a train station at Karnup, and enhanced sport and recreational facilities. I wrote to the minister, whom I get on well with and quite like. His chief of staff wrote back confirming my letter had been received and letting me know it was not their problem. That is a precis of the letter. There was no hope. It was suggested that if I wanted any of the \$200 million-plus profit that will come from this development to be allocated to the local area, I had to go through the council and ask for a regional contribution scheme to allocate some of the funds.

Very late in the year—8 December 2011—people were concerned about the minister's response to our first request, and their concerns grew. They forced a special meeting of council. A petition containing 500 signatures forced the City of Rockingham to hold a special meeting to address the issue of the Golden Bay development. I went along to that meeting. They ran out of room in the council offices. They had to shift all the tables to the back of the room to fit people in. Well over 300 people attended that meeting, at which the exact same concerns were expressed. It became very evident that people were getting very frustrated. Council acknowledged the concerns of the community. The council undertook to notify the WA Planning Commission that it will not support the current plan for the Golden Bay development. It will be interesting to see what the Planning Commission does and, subsequently, what the minister does. The community has effectively said the way this development is planned now is not appropriate. I share the community's concerns about the clustering. The proposal is for a higher density in the middle of the development, going out to a lower density as it approaches the surrounding suburbs. I suspect because of that higher density there will be a clustering of social housing in the centre. It starts to raise concerns as to the suitability of that location and the design of that public development if there are no such things as additional recreational facilities.

It is going to be high density; there is going to be very little backyard for kids to play in. Currently, no money has been allocated for additional recreational facilities in this area. Just up the road there is a regional sporting facility where they could pay for a couple of Aussie rules grounds from the \$200 million profit, but the minister refuses to make that contribution.

**Mr J.E. McGrath:** I thought the developers were required to put in some open space.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** They are; the developers are incorporating the 10 per cent public open space requirement. There is already a small Australian football/cricket ground in the development, and that is part of the 10 per cent public open space allocation so they are not going to take that away, but that is inadequate.

**Mr M.J. Cowper** interjected.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The club that uses it, which the member for Murray–Wellington would be very familiar with, is the Secret Harbour Dockers, which is growing rapidly. It had 500 members the last time I checked, and it now has an adult team—it started off with just children. The ground that club uses is inappropriate; it is not big enough, for starters. The club is already split between two grounds—the Secret Harbour Primary School and that ground, which shifts and is dangerous and people have been injured on it. Land has been allocated in the Lark

Hill sporting complex for two full-size Australian football grounds and clubrooms, and that is what I want. If they are going to cram 4 500 people into Golden Bay, I would like a family friendly clubroom facility to be provided in Lark Hill for the prime sporting club in the area so that as the children get older, they will stay in that club and be mentored and supported by responsible adults, which this club does very well, in an appropriate facility. They cannot do it where they are; no matter what the council tries to do, it is not appropriate. That covers the sporting and recreation facilities.

Also, public transport is totally inadequate; it does not meet the requirements of the current population, let alone another 4 500 people. As I have outlined, there is no police station. Land is available for a Golden Bay primary school, and I hope that the Minister for Education will announce the building of a Golden Bay primary school in this budget, because if she does not, it will condemn the population of the southern suburbs of Rockingham to even more overcrowding in primary schools for the next three years. If she does not allocate it in this budget, it will not be built the following year, and then it will not open the year after that. It is essential that a Golden Bay primary school be built. Comet Bay Primary School, which is adjacent to this development, opened this year with 1 040 children on two campuses. Secret Harbour Primary School, which is within almost a stone's throw—within a kilometre—of Comet Bay school has well in excess of 600 pupils, and Singleton Primary School, as far as I know, has in the high 700s. All of those schools are in excess of their capacity by an enormous number. Right in the middle of them is Comet Bay College, which is the only high school and which is going to have year 7s in the not-too-distant future; it is already nearing student capacity. There is a lot of concern about putting another 4 500 people in this area, and the community does not have any sense of concern from the minister and the government.

**Mr P.T. Miles:** How many buildings is that, do you know?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** It is 2 100 households. Stage 1 is going ahead already—that is 150—and then the rest. But the issue is that this is not an accidental development; it did not just fall off the back of a truck. The government did not take this on from a previous government; it has undertaken it itself, in the full knowledge that it is going to put that many people into such a confined space in the near future. The housing minister who is involved in it is also the transport minister, and he could talk to the police minister, who is not far away. Education and other associated services for a large increase in social housing and the general population in the southern suburbs should be talked about. We are an outer metropolitan area, and, like Wanneroo, we need the services. I am concerned that it sounds like it is a bit targeted; I look forward to hearing what the Minister for Transport promises the seat of Warnbro in the near future, particularly those suburbs around the Golden Bay development. I look forward to him standing and bragging—boasting—to the house about how many more buses they will be getting, how many more trains will be on the southern line, and how he is going to contribute to the new station, because the reality is that there is nothing between Mandurah and Warnbro.

**DR A.D. BUTI (Armadale)** [6.00 pm]: I have a lot of time, I gather! It is great to have the opportunity to respond to the Premier's Statement. I am the member for Armadale, and the majority of my speech, if not all, will be devoted to addressing the needs of Armadale.

In my maiden speech in October 2010, I mentioned what the Attorney General referred to as the imaginary Mason–Dixon line over the Narrows Bridge; as I said, I do not think it is imaginary, especially if we look at the south east metropolitan corridor.

*Sitting suspended from 6.00 to 7.00 pm*

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** It is such a privilege to have you in the chair, Mr Acting Speaker (Mr P.B. Watson). I am glad you are here to listen to my response to the Premier's Statement.

I mentioned before the break that the imaginary Mason–Dixon line that bisects the Narrows Bridge is more than imaginary in Armadale because we do not seem to have the same level of care or services that other electorates get under this government. Armadale is a regional city. It is the gateway to the south west and the entrance to the metropolitan region from the south west. If it is to be a major regional centre, it needs to be afforded the services that a regional centre in the metropolitan area requires. To be a significant and major regional metropolitan centre, the area needs significant financial, commercial, infrastructure and human investment. Unfortunately, nothing in today's Premier's Statement gives me any confidence that the government's treatment of the Armadale electorate for the past three years will change in its final year in office before it is hopefully defeated at the polls in the second week of March next year. There is nothing in the Premier's Statement for health or transport. I will talk about transport shortly. The "Public Transport Plan for Perth 2031" blueprint that the Minister for Transport very proudly espouses as being a great strategy for the future development of transport in the metropolitan area has zilch in it for the south east metropolitan area. That is alarming when we look at the growth of Armadale and the surrounding regions.

A number of speakers before me today and tonight have talked about police stations. I will not break that cycle; I will also talk about police stations. As I said, Armadale is a major centre. It is the last city in the metropolitan area before people head to the rural regions of the south west. Therefore, we would expect there to be a police

station that has public access 24/7. I am not denying that the police station is operational 24/7. I wrote to the Minister for Police on 5 January 2012 and he kindly responded in a prompt manner. I congratulate him for responding to me by letter on 23 January. Unfortunately, I was not happy with the minister's response. The minister's philosophical argument is that public access to a police station is not needed 24/7 because that will tie up police in the police station rather than those police being on the beat. Of course, that argument can be made. Unfortunately, from my experience, the people who come through my door in my electorate office in Armadale tell me that there are not enough police. Even if we grant the government's wish to not have a 24/7 public access police station, the fact is that there are not enough police on the road.

I take a case in point: during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, we had many extra police to protect the dignitaries from various commonwealth countries. Of course that had to happen, but the government's main responsibility is to the citizens of Western Australia. Where are those police today? It is quite good that you are in the chair, Mr Acting Speaker (Mr P.B. Watson), as a former champion runner; as you know, I like to run—never at the speeds you used to run, but maybe I run longer distances than you do! I regularly run very early in the morning, when it is still dark, and on my run along Albany Highway on a weekend, I would be lucky to see one police van between Kelmscott and Gosnells; maybe just one. But on the last day of CHOGM, I saw four police vans driving towards Armadale. I am not sure whether any dignitaries came out to Armadale from CHOGM that day; I do not think so. It just shows that there is capacity for the state government to provide a larger number of police. I would like to know what happened to the extra police who were engaged for the three-day CHOGM event. I actually do not accept the philosophy that we do not need a 24/7 police station, and neither do my electors. There is bipartisan support on this issue; the member for Darling Range and the federal member for Canning both support a 24/7 public access police station.

I have a petition that is being circulated in the Armadale electorate; it has been in circulation for only about three weeks, and I have more than 1 000 signatures. There is also another petition that has been in circulation for about four or five months and it was instigated by a local resident who had been assaulted. He went to see Don Randall and Don Randall assisted in the drawing up of the petition. I am led to believe—although I have not confirmed this directly—that the member for Darling Range will be submitting that petition in this place. That does not necessarily mean that the member for Darling Range agrees with the petition; he will, of course, have to follow the duty we have as parliamentarians to submit petitions. However, going by the local media, it would seem that there is bipartisan support for this. I refer to an article in *Comment News* of Tuesday, 31 January 2012. There is a photograph of the member for Darling Range, the federal member for Canning, and Mr Ian Officer, who was the instigator of that petition. According to the article, the petition has more than 5 000 signatures. The article also talks about the member for Armadale being supportive of a 24/7 police station. I refer also to an article in another local newspaper, the *Examiner*, of 26 January 2012, headlined "Bipartisan support for 24-hr police station in Armadale". The fact remains that the local residents of Armadale want a 24/7 police station. When I say "24/7", I do not want to mislead the house; I mean a 24/7 public access police station, because there is already a 24/7 operational police station. The member for Darling Range wants that, as does the federal member for Canning. Of course we all want that; the local politicians in our area want it, because we have people coming through their front door demanding it.

Not long after I became a member of this house, I brought a grievance to the Minister for Police, who listened very intently and promised action on the matter. It related to the burglary of a house inhabited by an intellectually disabled young adult male. He reported the burglary, but the police did not come around. He rang the after-hours number; he was not even redirected to Cannington Police Station, he was redirected to Mirrabooka! Mirrabooka is not very close to Armadale; Cannington is not very close to Armadale! The only 24/7 public access police station in the south eastern corridor is Cannington Police Station. That is a real problem for Armadale, but it is also a problem for the member for Darling Range; Byford is growing exponentially. I am not sure where the nearest 24/7 police station is for Byford.

**Mr A.J. Simpson** interjected.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** Mandurah?

In the south eastern corridor, we have Cannington and then we have Mandurah. Then there is Fremantle and I think there is going to be a 24/7 station in Cockburn. We need a police station that can be accessed by the public 24/7.

Someone contacted my office to say that they had had a car accident. It was not a severe car accident. The individual did have some injuries but not to the extent that an ambulance was required. They were very shaken. They had to report that accident to Cannington Police Station. It happened in Armadale. The husband had the accident. His wife's car was at home. His wife was not home. He had to get into the other car and drive to Cannington after the accident. There are times when people need to visit —

**Mr R.F. Johnson:** Was somebody injured in that accident?

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** He was injured but they were very minor injuries.

**Mr R.F. Johnson:** Did he go to hospital?

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** No, he did not go to hospital. It was not a major accident, but he was shaken.

**Mr R.F. Johnson:** He could have done it online.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** That is the point. Not everyone has access to computers. He did not have a computer at home. It is not always possible to go online. Granted, most people can go online.

**Mr P. Abetz:** He could have done it the next day.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** He did not want to wait until the next day. He had an accident and he wanted to report it. Why should he have to wait until the next day? He should have been able to report it then. I had an accident in Kelmscott 20-odd years ago and I just went to Armadale Police Station. It took two minutes to drive there. It took this man about 20 minutes to drive to Cannington. That is not a step forward in this day and age. He should be able to go to the local police station. We are a major regional centre and we do not have a 24/7 police station.

The local residents also say that they feel safer—of course, it is only a perception—if they can go to a police station at any time of the day or night. I would argue that if a police station is not open to the public 24/7, there is no chance that the public will be more closely connected to the police community. I would also argue that the closer the connection is between the public and the police, the greater the chance that we can prevent crime. The police do rely on intelligence from the public. The people in Armadale have no connection to Cannington Police Station; it could be in Timbuktu or Mirrabooka. The fact is that we need to have police stations in close proximity. We can argue that we do not want to hold up police officers in police stations; we want them to be on the road. The fact is that if we do have a 24/7 police station, we would not require that many police there—maybe two or three. Even people who are not police officers—they could be clerical staff—can do some of the work. It will not hold up the police. The police can still be on the road. Two petitions will be presented to this house. There will be one from me and I think one will be submitted by the member for Darling Range in due course.

Another thing that is related to police stations that we need out in Armadale is a new courthouse. Simply put, our courthouse is out of date; in fact, it is atrocious. I visited it last year with one of the local journalists, someone from the justice department and the clerk of courts in Armadale. What did I see? I saw a courthouse in which solicitors were advising and interacting with clients in the corridor. So much for client–solicitor confidentiality! There was none. There was nowhere else for them to go; they had to stand in the corridor and receive instructions. I was also told during that tour that a recent trial held in Armadale Courthouse involved the transportation of 17 prisoners from Hakea Prison to the courthouse for the trial but there are only three holding cells in Armadale. That was great for security! Three holding cells held 17 prisoners.

Armadale Courthouse has been there for I do not know how long—numerous years—and the population of Armadale has grown exponentially. But, of course, Armadale Courthouse services not only the people of Armadale, but also the whole south east metropolitan corridor. As far as I am aware, the nearest courthouse is Perth. There are courthouses in Perth, Midland, Armadale, Joondalup and Fremantle, as far as I am aware.

A government member: And Rockingham!

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** And Rockingham and Mandurah, but I am talking about the metropolitan region. There is therefore the need for a new courthouse.

The Attorney General is fully aware of the need for a courthouse. He actually paid a visit back in 2009 with the federal member for Canning, Don Randall; the Mayor of Armadale at the time, Linton Reynolds; and the CEO of the city, Ray Tame. A report in *Comment News* on Tuesday, 14 July 2009, states —

A NEW Armadale courthouse and police complex is the top priority construction project in the justice portfolio for the metropolitan area, Attorney-General Christian Porter said last week.

The announcement follows a meeting between Mr Porter ... Don Randall ...

And so on. The report continues —

A statement from Mr Porter said he would work towards its future inclusion in “a State Budget”.

...

Mr Randall said he was pleased with the outcomes of the meeting and welcomed Mr Porter’s commitment to finding a long-term solution.

Another report of 24 May 2011, with the headline “We were robbed: City”, states —

The State Budget failed to provide money for a much-needed new courthouse in Armadale, despite being labelled a high priority by Attorney General and Treasurer Christian Porter back in 2009.

Of course, back in 2009 the Attorney General was not the Treasurer, but he was certainly the Treasurer when the budget came down last year. Therefore, even though Mr Porter happens to be the Treasurer—and therefore has control of the purse strings—and the Attorney General, and in his role as Attorney General has said that a new Armadale courthouse remained the highest priority for a metropolitan courthouse, we have seen no movement and nothing in any budget.

[Member's time extended.]

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** We therefore await this year's budget. I am hopeful that the Attorney General will find the necessary commitment for a new courthouse at Armadale. All members need do is visit that courthouse and I would dare any one of them on the other side of the house to argue that it should not be the highest priority. The Attorney General has stated that it is the highest priority. It was stated in my tour with the justice official and the clerk of courts that it is the highest priority. It would therefore be very surprising if this year's budget does not provide the necessary funding for the courthouse. There is insufficient security; there is insufficient space for clients and solicitors to meet; the parking situation is atrocious; and the extension at the front of the courthouse for domestic violence and restraining order proceedings is an absolute disgrace. It is appalling that a female who has been subjected to domestic violence and who has to get a restraining order has to endure that environment.

I will move on to the development at Champion Lakes, of which the people of Armadale are very proud. We hope that it will be an iconic feature of our region and of the surrounding regions. Even the electorate of the member for Southern River backs onto Champion Lakes.

**Mr P. Abetz:** Yes, across the road.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** The development at Champion Lakes basically came about due to the advocacy and ministerial responsibilities of the former member for Armadale, Hon Alannah MacTiernan. In 2002, it came under the responsibility of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority. The rowing facility, which can be used also for canoeing and dragon boat racing, is of international standard. It is a 55 hectare watercourse, purpose-built for rowing that can, as I have said, be used for these other sports. It is only the second facility in Australia capable of staging national and international rowing events. A couple of years ago when representatives of the international rowing federation viewed Champion Lakes, they said that it had the potential to be one of the greatest courses in the world. The people of Armadale should be very proud of the facility. We just love it when the people of the western suburbs have to head out to Armadale and Champion Lakes to view the rowing and the head of the river because they are then able to take in other areas of Armadale and their view of the region may change. Unfortunately, there are problems. We have a water sports course, a weather station has been installed at the Champion Lakes establishment and an Aboriginal interpretive centre was opened by the Minister for Planning in 2010. A residential area under the jurisdiction of LandCorp, was billed as "exclusive living by the lake". Unfortunately, the people who have bought land and built their homes at Champion Lakes are not very happy at all. Last year, I received correspondence from a resident of Champion Lakes complaining about vandalism. The letter informed me that the resident had written to LandCorp, the City of Armadale and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority, and that no-one was prepared to take responsibility for the problem. I then wrote to LandCorp and I must say that the response I received was not overly positive. After that, I sent out a survey to the residents of Champion Lakes estate. I sent out 50 surveys and received 24 back—basically, nearly 50 per cent. I must say that the responses were alarming. I then wrote a letter to Mr Monty House, the chair of LandCorp. I cc-ed that letter to the Minister for Lands, Hon Brendon Grylls, who has responsibility for LandCorp, and to the Minister for Sport and Recreation and the Minister for Planning, as well as to the City of Armadale, LandCorp and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority. In that letter, I summarised some of the responses received from and comments made by local residents. I will quote from that letter, which is dated 15 February 2012 —

The feedback I received from residents is nothing short of alarming. A sample of the feedback and comments include:

- (1) Feel deserted by Landcorp and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority.
- (2) Having second thoughts about being at the estate long-term;
- (3) Feel betrayed by the lack of security and lack of development in the commercial area (white water Park, business centre, restaurants).
- (4) Whole area is poorly maintained, weeds, dirty barbeques, lights not working;
- (5) The crime and poor condition of the estate has resulted in a huge disappointment.
- (6) Strong discontent that promised development, ongoing security and maintenance has not been provided;
- (7) Motorbikes and scooters using the sites as a bike track;

- (8) Insufficient landscaping and bins through the residential areas and around the lake.
- (9) Tardy response to promised landscaping on new buildings.

In my last paragraph, I wrote—

I urge you to treat the matter of security and future development of the Champion Lakes estate with utmost urgency and priority. I suggest a meeting at Champion Lakes between relevant stakeholders, including residents, the Lancorp Board and officers, Ministers or their representatives, and councillors and officers from the City of Armadale. I am keen to be involved in such a meeting.

I am led to believe that late this afternoon Mr House contacted my office to say that he had drafted a letter and that I should receive it shortly. One of the responsible ministers—the Minister for Sport and Recreation—is present in the chamber. I know that he has been to Champion Lakes a number of times and he is always very keen to ensure that we have high-class sporting facilities. I urge the Minister for Sport and Recreation to correspond with the other ministers responsible for the area to consider the future development of the area. Unfortunately, it is an iconic recreational area that is not being properly kept.

**Mr T.K. Waldron:** Member, just be aware that the money that we have spent on the upgrades to support the new buildings at Champion Lakes are on course.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** The member for Kingsley represented the minister at the opening of the new boatshed on a very hot Australia Day.

That is fine; the buildings there are fantastic, but it is just the general upkeep. There is a security issue in the residential area, and there are other issues. It is a matter that needs to be addressed very quickly. As one local developer told me, “If we get Champion Lakes wrong, it’s going to put Armadale and the Armadale region back many, many years, so we have to get it right.”

I have very little time left, but I would like to now move on to the issue of the closure of the Bickley ward at the Armadale–Kelmscott Memorial Hospital in October last year. This was raised as a matter of public importance last year. The situation is that the Bickley ward, which is the private ward at Armadale–Kelmscott Memorial Hospital, was closed down last October. People had only two weeks’ notice. It was like groundhog day, because the government sought to close down the Bickley ward in 2009, but the Premier reversed that position and the ward was kept open, but unfortunately last year it was closed.

We were able to organise a petition. In just over a week 850 signatures were collected, and that was brought before this house. On 19 October last year we raised it as a matter of public interest in this chamber. We asked that the Minister for Health and the Premier reverse that retrograde step. In the minister’s response to that MPI he basically stated that he thought it was not good enough that in the whole south east metropolitan area not only do we have just one 24/7 public access police station but there is not the ability for any mother who has private health insurance to have a baby in a private facility. It is an absolute disgrace for a government that is a champion of private enterprise to close down the private ward in the Armadale region. Does it think that the people in Armadale may not want private health insurance or that they are not good enough? Maybe the economic situation in Armadale does not allow some people to have private health insurance. It is an absolute disgrace that expecting mothers in Armadale have no facility to enjoy the benefits of a private birthing centre. The minister said he would be doing his best to ensure that the staff were employed so that that ward could be reopened. I challenge the minister to come before this house to tell us what he is doing to ensure that the birthing centre will be reopened sooner rather than later.

What is also a disgrace is what the Minister for Mental Health did. She wrote to the 850 people who signed the petition. What did she write to them about? She did not advocate for the reversal of the decision or for the re-establishment of the private ward. She wrote to them and gave them a potted history—may I say, a very edited history—of why the ward was closed. She blamed the Labor Party, she blamed Jim McGinty and she blamed Alannah MacTiernan. Rather than work towards the reopening of the ward, all she could do was look backwards and provide a selected history. These 850 petitioners signed the petition in good faith, hoping to have the Bickley ward decision reversed, and all they received from the Minister for Mental Health was a letter. It did not say that the decision was bad—remember that the minister has responsibility in the upper house for that area. All she could do was recall the history of the closure, and may I say she would have failed the history lesson of that sad saga. That is all she did. She did not advocate; she did not promise that she would work with the Minister for Health. At least the Minister for Health said he would work towards getting the Bickley ward reopened, but, no, not the Minister for Mental Health, who has geographical jurisdiction over that area. All she could do was talk about its history. As I said, the history was very clouded and very edited.

Unfortunately, there are other issues that I want to raise. One very important issue I want to mention in the last minute I have is the time taken for children to be assessed for disability in the Armadale region public health service. A child must be assessed as disabled to receive additional resources from the Department of Education. People have been waiting for more than two years—more than two years—for their children to be assessed.

During that period they cannot draw on the expertise and assistance that the education department can provide. That has to change. Much greater resources —

**Mr P. Abetz:** It has changed.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** The member for Southern River may say it has changed but it has not changed in Armadale. People have come into my office who have been waiting for more than two years.

**MR P.C. TINLEY (Willagee)** [7.30 pm]: Thank you for the opportunity to present to the house my reply to the Premier's Statement. Typically, I would focus on portfolio responsibilities that have been expanded to include planning and, probably more formally, housing, which has been an issue of mine, given more than 33 per cent of the population in my electorate are in public housing. I have been acutely aware of all the issues that relate to housing, so it is a happy opportunity to look at it in a wider Western Australian and deeper policy context than just the wanton waste due to privatisation of the maintenance, the waste of empty houses or the dysfunction of the department under the leadership of this minister and the previous minister.

Before I go into portfolio areas, I have been caught out before with timing and been unable to address some of the issues I think are worthwhile bringing to the chamber in relation to particular interests in the seat of Willagee. For the benefit of members who probably do not find themselves in the seat of Willagee, as I said in my inaugural speech, it is a typical suburban patch. I think it is worthy of talking about some of the things that happen inside these suburbs because they are educational, particularly, more often than not, for members on the other side of the chamber who do not necessarily get exposed to the challenges that beset a seat such as mine, which has great opportunity as well as great disadvantage in patches.

The principal area of interest in this seat for me is the schooling system. I firmly believe that the opportunities to influence social policy and social or human services delivery come through the primary school system. I have often been on my feet advocating that. There is a primary school in virtually every suburb. When we couple that with a zero to eight policy framework—I pick up the member for Armadale's point about speech pathology and other matters—we really do see a great missed opportunity. A couple of schools of particular interest in my seat are great success stories. One of them is Caralee Community School. It is a great success story because the former member for Willagee and former Premier Alan Carpenter was a great champion of the amalgamation of two old, tired and rundown schools, within which there was a great deal of dysfunction, to make sure that the built form matched the aspiration of the quality of education delivered through that school. That is clearly the case today. One of the good examples is the amalgamation of Carawatha and Willagee Primary Schools. Before the amalgamation they suffered an inordinate amount of vandalism and graffiti damage. Interestingly, moving to an amalgamated school in a central location that would better service the demographic, we found that in what must be nearly six years since that school has been open there has not been one incident of graffiti or vandalism. The nature of the school, which has fencing only around the administration area for security, is to engage with and incorporate itself into the community as opposed to being an isolated island within the community.

The older schools, though, are particularly interesting and Hilton Primary School is one example. It was on a downward slide. There were fewer than 200 kids, but I am told it was actually built for nearly 900 kids. Along came the new principal in the form of Aaron Thomas. Aaron was a breath of fresh air and a complete dynamo in the school. I want to pay particular regard to him. He was only the acting principal. He came from Secret Harbour, so he was particularly keen to get back to his district or his locale and he applied for a position. Such is the system of the recruitment of principals within the Department of Education that he did not find out until a week after he went on holidays that he had actually picked up a school in the member for Warnbro's patch—which I cannot recall—but the member for Warnbro has picked up a real winner there.

A member interjected.

**Mr P.C. TINLEY:** Aaron Thomas.

Similarly, this highlighted a problem that I did not previously know about that other members may well have experienced—that is, the effect of the principal management system within our schools by which everyone is acting with a permanent position somewhere else, sometimes way across the city or across the state. A level 4 principal needs to apply for another level 4 or level 5 job if they are looking for a promotion, but can only ever be acting in that position, therefore there is a daisy chain of temporary positions about which people do not know and about which they cannot get any certainty. If someone who has a particular energy or drive to deliver change in a school has no certainty, the teaching staff have no certainty. That is something I have been alerted to. In the case of Hilton Primary School we have been particularly lucky to receive at short notice Mrs Julie Loader, who came from Queens Park. She is a local resident and it is always good to have someone local working at these schools. Aaron Thomas's achievements can easily be listed, not least of which is a series of scholarships won through the WA Education Awards. Indeed, Hilton Primary School went from being a really tough school on the brink of closure, or certainly some special attention within the Department of Education's particular categories—an at-risk school—to coming fourth in the education awards in one year. That is a remarkable turnaround. Of

course he did not do it alone; the staff are very committed. The school has one of the lowest levels of turnover of staff in the school education system because they are committed local residents working in their profession, in their school and in their local community. To achieve that result is just a great testimony to Aaron Thomas and the staff, and the P&C association, which it was one of his initiatives to restart. A P&C association that is effective and dynamic is an essential component of any school community. But they have challenges. The school is older. They integrate a community group such as the Hilton Harvest group, which runs a local community garden that uses parts of the school grounds. It has established a great little facility there. Again, it is an open school; there is no fence. This is a good example of engaging the community in a school-based project. There are 50 to 60 square metres of vegetable crops and other things with lots of equipment and stuff in there and not one thing is touched; there has not been one incident of vandalism or theft. I think a few of the passionfruit go wandering from time to time, but they are sought after.

The other issue with Hilton Primary School—I focus on it because it is emblematic of the primary schools in my electorate, where they do struggle—is that it has to compete with other private schools and independent public schools to attract kids there. I think one of the great opportunities that Hilton has over any other school though is that 47 per cent of the kids who go to Hilton Primary School are Aboriginal kids. That is a large proportion of the school and this provides unique opportunities to engage those kids.

East Hamilton Hill Primary School, which is in the next suburb along, under the guidance and leadership of Geoff Miller, has done an outstanding job in improving the quality of teaching using the limited and meagre resources it has. Again, an active P&C association has allowed it to pick up corporate sponsorship, which is a great innovation on behalf of Geoff, and it gets sponsorship for a range of projects such as art and science that it would not otherwise ordinarily have; therefore the school is going great. These two schools are adjacent to each other, effectively. They are one suburb apart, in what are very small suburbs. Hilton backs onto a precinct that provides a really good example of how we can integrate the built form environment with the community. On the western boundary of Hilton Primary School is Fremantle PCYC. That is my PCYC. I went there and did basketball and boxing and all the things that PCYCs offered traditionally. In fact, it was from there that I was ushered and guided into the Army by the sergeant who ran the PCYC, on the basis that the road I was going down was a road more well-travelled by my peers. In fact, that was my saving grace, and it is a really good example of community policing.

Hilton has lost its police station, and the residents of Hilton are rightly aggrieved by that. Many members have stood up in this place and said that they are particularly concerned about the centralisation of police services under the banner of efficiency. I am not so sure about effectiveness. The jury is out on that. I have lived in corporate organisations such as the Army that go through habitual cycles of invention and reinvention, centralisation and decentralisation and amalgamation, and on it goes, all in the name of efficiency. But effectiveness seems to be the casualty of those sorts of things.

The Hilton PCYC as I know it is a shining light, really, of what can be done. The PCYC attracted over \$3 million worth of federal Labor money, and it is a fantastic facility. The doubling of the physical size of the facility has enabled it to increase its programming fourfold. Gymnastics now has its own space, there are air rifle competitions, there is an arts space, and there are tennis courts. It is a fantastic use of public moneys. But it, too, is under threat. It is under threat under the idea of efficiency. For some reason, we think that we need to pull out the uniformed sworn officers, who have long held the role of running and being present and being the contiguous link between the administration, the volunteers, the committee and the kids—because it is all about the kids. Senior Constable Ian Abercrombie, and Ian Hill—the two Ians—have been there for a while, and they are absolutely fit for purpose. There is not a kid who walks down Paget Street, Hilton whom they do not know the name of. When I went there and said to Ian that we wanted to promote a particular Indigenous basketball event that we were doing, and was there any chance that he could round up any Aboriginal kids, he said, “Yes; give me 30 minutes”, and he went along the street and came back with 20—that was over a weekend, too, so it was not as though he went to the school and got them.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** You can't beat that.

**Mr P.C. TINLEY:** No, you cannot, and I will be a full-throated, four-square advocate for ensuring that the Hilton PCYC and others like it are well supported by those authority figures in our community whom our kids look up to. But we need to break down the barriers. Sometimes the only time these kids see a copper is when the lights are on and the cop car is screaming past them or is coming for them. That is not a good environment. We need to expose kids to the human side of policing. The coppers have fantastic skills in doing that; not all of them are suited for it, but the vast majority, I would suggest, are suited for it. We could have a centralised arrangement between Fremantle and Cockburn, and if we cannot get enough full-time sworn officers, we could see whether we can get sworn officers who have exited and been separated from the force for all good, normal reasons, who live in Hilton, Melville, Willagee and Hamilton Hill, and who are prepared to give up some time—obviously paid time—in a reserve capacity to come back in, put on the uniform and assist in community policing.

**Mr M.J. Cowper:** You will be pleased to know that that has actually happened today in my electorate at PCYC Camp Mornington, where a group of former police officers, who are actually on the board of the PCYC, met, and they are looking at rotating those people to other PCYCs.

**Mr P.C. TINLEY:** That is good. I know this is a random thought, because I have not had the time to look at the costing of that, and no doubt all these things have a budgetary implication, but if we want to get the best of both worlds and have a community policing approach with the integration of uniformed officers within the community—certainly our kids are the ones they can influence—what about giving the thousands and thousands of police officers who have gone through that academy and given good and honest service to this state the opportunity to put the uniform back on? Obviously there need to be checks and balances and all those sorts of issues in there. However, the Army Reserve forces have worked very well in the federal sphere as a very strong component of the full force structure of the Defence Force, and they are actually deployed to all sorts of places: Timor, the Solomon Islands, Afghanistan, and Iraq when it was going. I am not suggesting a cut-and-paste model. I am suggesting that we have a great resource out there of former police officers who are ready, willing and able to make a great contribution.

Also, if they are police officers who might be on long-term rehabilitation that would otherwise see them separated from the force, I wonder if there is not a medical grade that would accommodate their continued employment in policing inside the community policing environment. This side of the house is not just about negativity; we are clearly about promoting ideas that we think are worthwhile, and I promote that idea to the government when considering its attitude to police and citizens youth centres. One of the things that we do know about the PCYC, apart from the salary cost of the police officers, which is not insignificant when we multiply it out at two police officers per site, is that it does not receive any state funding. The PCYC is a great tradition and it has not grown; it needs to grow. If members talk to the PCYC's Freddie Tan and his committee, they will tell them that the PCYC has a business plan for which a modest investment of around \$3 million a year will grow the PCYC over time. I would have thought that for that outcome, \$3 million is certainly modest. I urge the responsible minister to take it up as a potential legacy of his service to this state. I am sure that amongst the minister's other many achievements, he would like to list establishing certainty for the PCYC recurrent funding to allow them to grow and not just survive, which is where the PCYC is at the moment.

The other area that is of interest to me personally that I would like to raise—I am glad that the Premier is in this place to hear this from me—is this state's great and growing problem in the mental health area. The particular mental health area I am talking about is veterans. The Returned and Services League has finally agreed to the Special Air Service being incorporated in the State War Memorial Cenotaph in this state, which I personally think is fitting and appropriate, although I know there was some controversy around this. Those veterans will be a growing group over the next 10 to 20-year time horizon. The SAS has carried out the majority of operational service in Afghanistan and Iraq.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr P.C. TINLEY:** We have guys down there, Western Australians, who have seen six and seven tours of Afghanistan. For the benefit of members, a tour in Afghanistan these days—not when I went; we were in the first push through when it was just cold and unpleasant—means a lot of hard work and risk. They are in a fight virtually every day that they go out into the field. The implications of that sustained and prolonged exposure to risk is that a man's bottle fills up. It is as simple as that: your bottle fills. We have found through the studies of Vietnam veterans who have separated that those men will have prolonged duress stress disorder and post-service issues—emotional and other things that come out—that are aligned with physical disabilities they sometimes inherit, which do not present until the 10 or 20-year mark. We will have some man in his late fifties or early sixties who works a five-acre block down at Margaret River, York or somewhere who is enjoying himself and who all of a sudden will have a massive breakdown, an issue with alcohol, violence or temper and that ugly Hydra of mental illness which presents in so many different ways. One of the things we might say is, "That's a federal matter; a Department of Veterans' Affairs issue", and it is. But when these guys separate and they do not present with these issues until much later in life, they present first to the state mental health architecture. The state mental health area is the one that, at least initially, collects them. A lot of work could be done to tie up the Department of Veterans' Affairs service delivery in mental health areas, and state mental health. I believe that state mental health, although it needs a lot of work, can and does deliver a better service than is delivered federally. The standard sort of cookie-cutter approach of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is that people do an 18-week course and if someone does not fit in that course, they do not get looked after.

I ask the Premier to consider the establishment of a veteran's advisory committee or group of some description—I think he has already seen some application for it—to provide people with a direct linkage to the veterans' community, which is a growing group of constituents. I might stand corrected, but I believe this would be the last state to not have a state-based veterans' advisory committee. With the commitment that is made through the defence presence at the naval base at Garden Island and, of course, Swanbourne, I would have thought it would be a very good opportunity for this state to make a statement, modest as it is, that we support our defence

community here; we want more of it, not less of it, and we want to support those men and women who do what they do in the service of this country. I would be negligent, I suppose, with my background to not be at least an advocate for their needs. I will be an ongoing advocate. A veterans' advisory group would not just talk about what sort of discounts we can give veterans on public transport and on the onerous costs of living in Western Australia. It would also be a very real opportunity for some qualified input into things such as mental health, which will be a significant issue. I believe that we will end up with issues in the thousands over a forward time frame of about 10 to 20 years. I urge the government to look at not only mental health generally, but also how we can best look after Western Australian veterans, because there will be more to come.

I have gone once around the electorate, and in my remaining 10 minutes I would like to say a few more things to again champion the little causes that we look after. The FIFO phenomenon, as we like to term it, is resident in most electorates. Some people have it more than others. We have a large number of people who do fly in, fly out work, so much so that it is now part of pollsters' research. Pollsters look at that demographic grouping and ask whether someone is a FIFO worker. I am sure it is something quite unique to Western Australia. They do their research and they find those clusters, which is particularly interesting. One of the things that resonated with me is that with FIFO families there is a separation in the normal swings of the four and one roster, or whatever someone is doing; predominantly the male partner goes away for four weeks and comes back. The family disruption that is caused by the departure and return of that person is not insignificant, not to mention the isolation of the family left in the suburbs of Western Australia toiling away on the job. There is a great initiative by Nicole Ashby, a young mum in Hilton who lives this lifestyle as a partner to someone in the resources sector. She did not just sit by and look at the problems and keep bemoaning them; she started her own group, which is called FIFO Families. They have now got three or four different sites and about 700 members. They have an activist approach in supporting FIFO families. Parallels resonated with me, of course, because members of the Defence Force go away for extended times and a lot of emotional, practical and logistical adjustments need to be made. For the benefit of any member of this chamber, I urge them to google "FIFO Families". Nicole will be more than happy to talk to members about what she knows about FIFO Families in their patches and what can be done from members' offices to support FIFO workers and show at least moral support, if not actual support. The group is not asking for money. It gets its money from corporate sources. It is just asking for awareness and support, so I promote the group to members on that basis.

I could not go past my patch without talking about one of my favourite schools—I hope that does not get out—Hamilton Senior High School. Hamilton Senior High School is a great success story, principally because of the leadership shown by an activist principal, Donna McDonald, and her staff. Again, I am told that it has one of the lowest turnover rates of staff in any school in the state. People have been there for 15, 20 and 25 years, which is a fantastic statement about what they believe in at their school. Hamilton Senior High School is trying to adjust its vocational education and training programs to make sure that it produces horizons for the kids who come from dysfunctional backgrounds or who are just not working in the mass education system. I find that that particularly resonates with me because I left school at 15 years of age because the mass education system just did not work for me on a range of issues and in a range of ways. Donna and her team and Jeanette Sealy have done a fantastic job of getting the vocational education and training system going. Just this week, the school did a straight tie-up with Chevron Corporation. Last Thursday it launched its corporate sponsorship of the school. Despite what we might say about Chevron's attention to local content, I give it complete credit where credit is due. It has shown an activist approach to see whether it can organically grow its skilled workforce by reaching down into year 10 and offering 14 and 15-year-olds a horizon that is bigger than the particular circumstances that those kids might find themselves in, be it their family dysfunction or their general lack of ambition. Chevron certainly does it well. Hamilton Senior High School gets a big tick and there is more to come.

I think our independent public schools approach, which Labor supports, is at the wrong end of the scale. I get completely that schools such as Melville Senior High School need to compete in a demographic. It has to compete with the schools at the other end of my electorate, including the private schools Santa Maria College and Christian Brothers College Fremantle, John Curtin College of the Arts, which is a state select school, and Applecross Senior High School on the other side. It is bookended and surrounded by a great deal of choice. The IPS system is a natural fit in marketing it, but IPS is just that—a marketing tool that says that somehow if we apply this magic wand called IPS, the school will be a better school, will be better catered for and will have more flexibility. I do not particularly subscribe to that view. I think that we should reverse the IPS system and say that the most disadvantaged schools, those at the other end of the socioeconomic index spectrum and those that are in most need of additional resources and support should be the target of a more flexible approach to education delivery than we are currently seeing. Something might be needed for schools such as Melville Senior High School. Phil White, who is the principal, has to negotiate in a tough market to attract students to make sure that he has a growing school. Hamilton Senior High School, which is probably at the other end of the SEI catchment, needs more resources and it needs those resources to be delinked from the number of students. It needs an establishment strength that is agreed to and it should be funded to that strength to ensure that there is never any variation in the services it can provide. I understand that in making a statement such as that, there is a whole

bunch of other checks and balances to make sure that the school is working on attendance and on the issues of truancy and how the kids are being engaged. This is where training and education really do meet. We have devalued manual arts for so long and we have elevated the idea that if students do not aspire to a white-collar career—this is a result of the rise of the tertiary sector throughout the 1970s and 1980s—anything else they choose is inferior or beneath the average Australian. We need to build a skilled services sector; we need to move away from smokestack industries. We all know that. I have talked about it in the local content debate and the Premier has talked about it. But what practical steps are we taking to ensure that we grow the skilled services sector that we need in this state on the 20 and 30-year horizon, because right now in my patch we have nearly 24 per cent youth unemployment. I thought it was just Kwinana and Rockingham, which have 26 per cent youth unemployment. One in four kids between the age of 15 and 19 years is not at school, not in full-time work and not in training. If we do not capture them, that whole cohort is gone to us. That is a whole cohort that is unskilled and will have all the other potential social disadvantage from not being trained, not being in a full-time job and certainly not staying at school. Twenty-three per cent is a particularly big number for me and a particular area of focus. Places such as Hamilton Senior High School need those additional resources and need all that support that they can get.

In conclusion, that is the once-over around Willagee. There are plenty more stories where that came from. There are plenty of things that I could have said in a negative context about housing maintenance, antisocial behaviour, waste and waiting lists in the housing sector, the lack of affordability and the lack of infill, but I will save that for another day.

**MR T.G. STEPHENS (Pilbara)** [8.01 pm]: The opportunity to speak on the Premier's Statement obviously gives us the chance to speak about a broad range of issues. For me, this year, which by choice is to be my final year in Parliament, gives me the opportunity to think back as well as thinking forward for the community of which I have been a part for such a long time. Now in this final 12 months I will think back over some of the work that we have done together and some of the opportunities that still face that community.

It strikes me as rather strange, however, to be yet again here in Parliament when so many people around the world have the opportunity of celebrating this day, famed for being called Fat Tuesday, the Mardi Gras, as the French say, the day before Lent starts tomorrow, and we engage in the great fast of the Christian calendar. When people would be out tonight celebrating and sinning before the repentance starts tomorrow, we seem to be starting our repentance today by listening to one another's tortuous speeches. I hope that I can make mine not too tortuous tonight.

The fact that Easter is soon upon us reminds me that my first Easter spent here in Western Australia was in the remote Aboriginal community of Balgo. It was back in 1977 when I first came into Western Australia and I had the opportunity of going down to what was then the Balgo Mission, which was run at that time by the mission superintendent, Father Ray Hevern. I am reminded of that visit not least of all because today on my desk a letter arrived from Father Ray Hevern. He has a rather quixotic name, but behind that name is a wonderfully substantial individual—a leader of his small group of Pallottine priests who have done great work here in Western Australia, in the Kimberley and in places such as Tardun. I thought Father Hevern's letter to me raised some very legitimate issues indeed. He was prompted to write to me and send me a copy of a letter that he has sent on to the minister with responsibility for corrective services in which he makes the point that he had been pressed to call on two prisons, Acacia and Bandyup. These are visits that he does not do in the normal course of his work—he is not a prison chaplain—but was pressed to do so by members of the Aboriginal community that he served historically back in Balgo. I think it is nearly 30 years ago that he left Balgo. In more recent times Father Hevern worked in the wheatbelt and became connected to wheatbelt Aboriginal families. Two quite separate families had been in contact with him to ask him to meet people in two different prisons. Father Hevern wrote —

This morning, having been asked by aboriginal people [from Balgo]—through a chaplain—to visit, and having made a prior phone call to Acacia, I was immediately approved as apparently my name was on a computer record of approved pastoral visitors.

This afternoon, having been requested to call by an aboriginal woman —

Who was associated with his work at Tardun —

... again through a chaplain—I was refused entry to Bandyup. This despite a previous phone call in which I was approved and given a visit time ... Apparently that permission came from someone new on staff who did not have authority ... In discussing the refusal with an officer I referred to the Acacia situation earlier in the day. I was told that, because the institutions are run by different authorities [SERCO and DCS], they do not share an approved list of pastoral visitors! I was given a new 14 page application.

He makes the point —

This strikes me as somewhat of an anomaly. At a time when visitation of aboriginal detainees is strongly encouraged [the Balgo men claimed that they had not received a visitor since arriving in Perth!] one is turned away by a seemingly arbitrary obstacle.

Father Hevern makes the point —

Can I suggest that this situation be reviewed, and ask that some form of official approval be offered to people like myself that applies to ALL prisons/detention centres throughout WA?

That is a perfectly reasonable request. I take the opportunity to put that on the record during this debate in the hope that the Premier's processes will have that issue looked at by way of a government response. It seems to me this situation affects not only people who might be pastoral visitors in the category of a priest, but also others who are occasionally called to visit various prisons. In my role as an MP I receive calls from prisoners who are constituents, or who are connected to constituents, who want me to visit them suddenly in prison. I have to go through the rigmarole because I am not necessarily appropriately approved to gain access to the prison. There must be some easier way to ensure that people responding to the human call for help to access appropriate personnel can be authorised and available to prisoners, whether prisons are run on behalf of the community or on behalf of the government—either by an agency that is a government department or by a private organisation such as Serco. Surely an appropriate approvals system can be put in place.

Being reminded of the Balgo mission of which Father Hevern was previously the superintendent, I cannot help but think of my own reflections. For me, that connection with Balgo is relatively recent. It is not yet 40 years ago that I had my first connection to it. In more recent times I am very pleased that my young son Ben Stephens, upon graduating from university with an economics degree, took off to Balgo and spent seven or eight months undertaking volunteer work with the local community aimed at trying to support the literacy ambitions of the community through their school, by supporting and reinforcing the literacy strategies of the school. This was great work that renewed my links to that community through his work. I gained an insight through his observations of that community. He has gone on from that work to head toward a career with Deloitte Access Economics in Melbourne, but I am pleased to see that his links with that community have led him on to some solid work through that private sector organisation around Indigenous employment. Now, through that work, he is up at the Cape York Institute, working with Noel Pearson on a secondment around strategies for triggering the movement of the long-term unemployed in remote communities into employment, and to try to better understand the data on the impediments around this flatline in the remote communities of Australia as they interface with the employment opportunities that should be theirs.

The Balgo community has a longer association with another person who is very important to me and my life in Western Australia, and important to the life of this Parliament. When I recently visited the Balgo Mission, I looked at the baptismal register and found the name of the very first person baptised at that mission, back in 1938: Ernest Francis Bridge. He was the very first person baptised at the mission, at least as it appears on the baptismal register. When I think about it further, I see that what in fact would have happened is that the mission priest at the time, when visiting the neighbouring station where Ernie Bridge's parents, Ernie and Sarah, were living, would have offered baptism to the children of one of his flock. Ernie would have been a couple of years old at that stage, but he was given the opportunity of being baptised, and he appears on the register at that time.

When I arrived in Western Australia in 1977, it was when Ernie was first running for election to the state Parliament. Ernie had already by this time worked with his family in building up businesses—stations and ancillary businesses, such as the butcher shop at Halls Creek and the bakery run by his brother, Benny Bridge. There was also the shop in town and he built up a roadhouse and a picture theatre. He had successfully set up a whole network of various enterprises associated with his family that were very profitable businesses indeed and helped support his growing family after his marriage to the late Mavis. He produced some wonderful kids in Beverley, Cheryl, Kim and Noel. These youngsters were looked after well through the businesses that Ernie was able to develop.

Ernie's father died when Ernie was quite a young man; I think he was aged about 21, and he suddenly found himself press-ganged into local government. His father was the shire president, and suddenly Ernie was running for local government. He soon found himself the youngest ever elected shire president in the state, and spent 21 years in local government before I turned up and found him, towards the end of those 21 years, running for election to the state Parliament in the Kimberley, under very contested circumstances. He was put through the mill in Halls Creek, with challenges from the conservative establishment about his legitimacy, as to whether he was entitled to run—as if that were a basis for being able to run for office. His legitimacy was checked out via telegrams from the north of the state to the south, and it was established that his mum and dad were married at the time of his birth, but even if they had not been, he would still be absolutely entitled to take his place in local government, and he eventually took his place and distinguished himself with a wonderful career in local government. After the huge and awful state election contest of February 1977, that local government career eventually translated into a state parliamentary career. He was opposed by the forces of the Liberal Party of

Western Australia. I am pleased to say that the then Liberal Party was a different beast from the Liberal Party of today. It was an awful phenomenon; the Liberal Party used every trick in the book to prevent Ernie being elected to Parliament and employed activities that were deliberately aimed at attacking the Aboriginal opportunity to vote. The Liberal Party deployed lawyers around the polling booths to stop Aboriginal people obtaining their votes. It is not just me saying that; Justice Smith overturned that first result in the Court of Disputed Returns, which produced a by-election in which the Aboriginal people who had had this awful experience declined to turn up in large numbers the second time around. Ernie and I spent the next couple of years working together to make sure that the Aboriginal community was more confident in approaching the polling booths in 1980. This is despite the huge efforts that were made, including the inquiry into the Aboriginal franchise. Amendments were made to acts in this place to make it more difficult for Aboriginal people to vote. Despite all those efforts, Ernie was elected to Parliament in 1980. For the efforts of me and my colleagues in trying to assist him in getting into Parliament, five of us were thrown into the police stations in the region. I was locked up in the Kununurra lockup and eventually carted off to Wyndham Regional Prison. Steve Hawke was arrested in his bed in Fitzroy Crossing by the constabulary that had come out of Perth and charged us with various offences. The long and the short of it is that we effectively secured the election of the first Aboriginal member of this Parliament. The charges related to persuading and inducing people to apply for postal votes. They were eventually thrown out of court. That collaboration developed friendships between people such as me and my colleagues with Ernie Bridge that were profoundly cemented in the blood, sweat and tears of those campaigns.

Ernie went on to have an extraordinarily successful career, with another 21 years in Parliament after having served 21 years in local government. He became the first Indigenous cabinet minister in the commonwealth, taking up with distinction the portfolios of agriculture, water and Indigenous affairs. In those three portfolios we still came across the superb legacy of his quality work and his contribution to the hopes and ambitions of remote communities and towns from one end of this state to the other. People were looking for basics such as a reliable water supply, support for agricultural programs and, in the Indigenous communities, the opportunity to access land. Ernie not only was engaged in these processes during his career, but also was a royal commissioner following the awful events in 1974, I think, when he was engaged as a royal commissioner following the Skull Creek incident out near Warburton. He served with distinction in that royal commission. It brought down findings that created the long-term legacy of recruiting Indigenous people into the police force as police aides. In his later life Ernie went on to see the full cycle of that work. Following his retirement from Parliament, he went on to work with colleagues to establish an organisation called the Unity of First People of Australia. That work focused on a range of activities, including trying to secure pathways for Indigenous employment in the public sector and in the wider community as well as other areas of work.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** Ernie's work in that area also focused on his interest and preoccupations with the challenges facing the Aboriginal community around diabetes. He discovered that he had diabetes later in life. It was a huge shock to him. He saw how widespread diabetes was in the wider Aboriginal community. Being the practical person that he is, he rapidly engaged in putting together strategies with the best advice of people such as Dr Michael Gracey and various collaborators, including members of his very distinguished family, such as John Bridge, and very experienced people from the Aboriginal world who were able to bring some of their expertise and attract the support of the non-government sector in the first instance, philanthropic organisations, charities and Caritas Australia, the Catholic organisation. Then eventually in dribs and drabs he was able to attract the support of government. I am pleased to observe that in recent times this current government has supported some of that work associated with the diabetes programs being rolled out by the Unity of First People of Australia in regional and remote areas of Western Australia.

In my life here in Western Australia I have come across some very significant people by any standards—people who leave extraordinary legacies in the work that they do. In Ernie's case it is a legacy that is alive in this ongoing work by him, his family and his colleagues with the UFPA. This work has been built on in almost two or three previous lives. He has had a dedicated life in local government, a dedicated life in public service around the royal commission and a dedicated life in building up the business and enterprise of his families around Halls Creek. Then he has had a whole life of 21 years of service to the community in this chamber, at the end of which the honours secretariat of the Order of Australia Association had the good sense to award him the Order of Australia in recognition of an extraordinary contribution to that point.

Now, down the track, he has not just retired from Parliament, but also gone on in a voluntary way to harness all of his efforts and do even further work that, by itself, would call for recognition in the wider community and amongst those who have the opportunity, and indeed the obligation, to identify people who have contributed significantly in responding to the needs of our community. In my view—I put this view to those who should be listening—it is time that Ernie Bridge's additional work and efforts be even further recognised and honoured. Ernie started off his political contribution in this place as a Labor parliamentarian. He finished as an Independent, against my advice. He did not always listen to my advice. He left us as an outfit —

**Mr M.P. Whitely:** I took your advice.

**Mr T.G. STEPHENS:** Ha, ha!

I have learnt a lot of things but Ernie chose a pathway of independence that did not attract my support. However, it did not earn me any enmity with Ernie, even though we diverged in our views on the way to finish a political career in this place. I can see how he was able to deploy that independence away from the partisan political context to make sure that his work beyond Parliament had bipartisan support, and he has garnered that support and has put it to enormous benefit for the communities he has served. At places I visit, such as the Warmun community that he and I hold dear to our hearts, he has motivated people living in those communities around exercise and diet. He has modelled that activity in places such as Noonkanbah working with the likes of Dickie Cox—or Dickie Skinner—an old friend of both of us. Again, these are friendships that were forged and tested in the cauldrons of fire associated with the Noonkanbah crisis of 1978. At that time Dickie was the young leader of the Noonkanbah people, with whom we stood shoulder to shoulder as we tried to protect the sites at risk of the drilling program that was unleashed upon their sacred site by the then government of the day of Sir Charles Court. Ernie has in that community secured an ongoing partnership that focuses on the school and the local store and on building programs around good foods on offer through the store and at the school. Partnerships have also been forged with the remarkable skills that this bloke brings to places such as Looma. In my case I know that I have very few of those same skills. I have watched Ernie walk into those rooms, where there has been great fire and controversy, angst and anger at times. Ernie has been able to walk in and pacify the audience. They would be eating out of his hands as he listened to the issues at hand, made sure that the issues resonated and were heard, and then championed those issues in ways that effectively gave them a megaphone into the wider community.

I very rarely identify people along my own journey in this place who have been significant and for whom I am grateful for the roles they have played in my life of endeavouring to deliver service to the peoples of regional and remote Western Australia and the Indigenous community. Ernie is one of those people who have taught me much. I am sure I have taught him a few things as well. Ernie has a whole other career in country music. Back in 1978 we were together mustering at the station I was speaking about earlier today, Dunham River station. We were wrestling with steers and bulls, which were very difficult to bring into the stockyards. They were impossible to muster on horse; we tried. We secured the services of a bloke called Stui Skoglund. He was one of those American farmers in the Ord Valley who was a returned American serviceman, a helicopter pilot, from Korea. He had helicopter skills that he deployed innovatively in the pastoral industry. We had him working at Dunham River station, mustering the property very successfully and getting these awfully large, wild steers and bulls off the place.

While we were doing that, we were aided by the lyrics that were composed at our request by another friend who was a mentor. I will speak about him another time. He is a bloke called Peter Willis, who in fact delivered the invitation to me to come to Western Australia. Back when I first met him in 1976, when I was working with the Redfern Aboriginal community in Sydney, Peter Willis was a Catholic priest, a mate of the priest with whom I was working in Sydney, a bloke called Father Ted Kennedy. At that time Peter was another one of the famous Pallottine priests. On this occasion he was working in the Kimberley. He is a great personality in his own right. He appears in the book called *Bulls and Boabs* by Athol Thomas, which captures some of the flavour of Peter. He was a controversial character. He has remained a friend—one of those friends with whom I spend more time talking by email these days rather than having the opportunity to sit around the campfire. A quick request to Peter from Ernie and me said we were looking for some words to describe the work of Stui Skoglund. That delivered for us the lyrics of a great song that became *The Helicopter Ringer*, a huge anthem for Ernie. Ernie was able to pick up these lyrics, adjust the melody from the folk type music that Peter Willis had put it to and translate it into a country music theme. He went and put on some utterly exceptional guitar work that captured the whole throb and engine sound of the chopper. I think it was the song that Ernie performed when he was completing his term here in this place. Certainly it is a song that is very important to his fans, of which I am one, and the wider community that we are both a part of. It is very important to Ernie and his connection to the pastoral industry and the Indigenous community. He probably wrote the song as a bit of a protest about the movement of technology to displace the stockmen of the pastoral industry. Ernie, I think, converted it more into a celebration of the role of the new breed of helicopter ringer who had moved into the pastoral industry. That was an experience in which the Aboriginal stock people were able to enjoy the song if not the experience of being significantly displaced yet again from the pastoral industry by technology that reduced the number of employees needed.

I hope, as the year unfolds, I will get the chance to speak about other people who have been and continue to be of enormous significance to the state of Western Australia in its past, its present and its future. But on this occasion, I wanted to place on record my own debt of gratitude to that friendship and those links with Ernie Bridge and his wider family and to his lifetime of work that is shared with me and for the opportunities that he has opened up for many people. I am looking forward to continuing that association for as long as is humanly possible.

**MR A.J. WADDELL (Forrestfield)** [8.30 pm]: It is a pleasure to be back here on my feet again. Over the past few months many of us have been working diligently in our electorates and have no doubt come into contact with many constituents who had a range of things to tell us about how we personally, how the government or how the nation are in fact travelling. I have spent a fair bit of time reflecting on that. My attention was tweaked by something the Premier said in his statement earlier today. I think he said, "And trust in governments and respect for their legitimacy are at fairly low levels, even in Western Australia". I think we would all agree that politics is not held in particularly high regard in Australia. The practice of politics itself is often a fairly dirty business and people seem to sometimes lose sight of the fact that the majority of us are here trying to deliver to our own communities. We are doing everything we can to ensure that our best foot is put forward to allow us to deliver on services that are demanded of us, but in doing so it sometimes gets a little bit grubby. Every time it gets a little bit grubby, our ratings go down that little bit more and people become more and more cynical of politics and start to disengage from the process more and more.

I have been reflecting on how we reverse that process. How do we re-engage the community and how do we excite people about what can be achieved in politics? There is no real easy answer to that question. I think sometimes we need to look at it, not as a single thing, but rather as a series of things we can do. I think what is most needed in our political system is common sense. Common sense seems to have gone out the window.

I had an opportunity over the break to travel to India with you, Mr Speaker. India is a very interesting country. Its population is 1.2 billion people; it is the largest democracy in the world and it is a place of incredible contrasts. It is a place also of incredible poverty and at the same time incredible prosperity for some people. It is full of contradictions. There is one thing we certainly share with India. It seems that in India also there is cynicism about politics. There is cynicism in India because they believe their system to be corrupt—that there is a great deal of corruption within government systems and so forth. I was quite proud to say, "We have no corruption in Australia." I was quite proud to say that, in all my years and all the things I did as a public servant, in politics and in involvement with all sorts of people, I have never even sniffed the slightest scent of corruption.

I was quite proud to say that we do not have a corrupt system. Then I reflected on our system and thought, "Well, perhaps it is not quite as squeaky clean as I thought." We do have corruption in our system, and that is corruption of information. We do not have perfect information flow. People do not know what is going on. We say that we have a great deal of transparency, but in that transparency we build the huge edifices of audits and all sorts of ways of appearing to be transparent, but actually bury people in the detail, to the point that the majority of people switch off. They grab their view of politics in a five-minute grab that is on television, and that five-minute grab is affected by the journalist who put it together and their editors, and they are influenced by their owners. Their owners are the billionaires in our country and those billionaires increasingly have their own agendas. Therefore, there is corruption in our system. That corruption comes from the fact that the wealthiest in our society are buying their influence by accepting the fact that the majority of people are probably not that engaged and leading them by the nose to particular positions. Again, it behoves us to do everything we can to simplify things to get that information out to help people through.

I was reflecting on some of the things that happened in my electorate over the last couple of months and I thought I would come up with some examples in which ordinary people seem to be facing unbelievable odds trying to change a system that is incomprehensible to them. One of my constituents, a woman by the name of Patricia Svenson, came to see me early in January. She was a lovely woman in her 60s who was very well spoken and very well presented and she said, "Andrew, I've got a problem." I asked her what her problem was and she said that she had had a terminal cancer. I told her I was terribly sorry to hear that. She said that it was a type of bowel cancer that essentially means there is a 95 per cent chance that she will not survive this year. I asked her what we could do to assist her, and she replied that an operation was available that had a 95 per cent chance of resulting in a five-year survival. I told her that that was terrific and asked her what she needed to do to get that surgery and whether there was a waiting list. She replied that that was the problem. She told me that this operation was in fact carried out here in Western Australia a couple of years ago, but the bureaucracy caved in on the surgeon who was carrying it out. The bureaucracy made it difficult for him to continue. The funding was on and off, and eventually her surgeon got so sick of it that he went over to New South Wales to teach people how to perform that surgery. Only about 20 people suffer from this form of cancer, and he was directing them over to New South Wales to have the surgery because he could not navigate the bureaucracy here in Western Australia. I asked whether she needed help getting to New South Wales. She replied that New South Wales would not take anyone from Western Australia anymore because it was tired of Western Australia leaching off the New South Wales health system, and until WA paid its fair share, that surgery would not be allowed in New South Wales for Western Australians.

I could break off into an argument that clearly Western Australia pays its fair share, and I would endorse the comments that the Premier made earlier today about us not getting our fair cut of the GST. I think there would not be a person in this Parliament who would not agree with that argument, but let us leave it on the surface. Here is a woman who has no ability to affect how commonwealth grants are carved out, and if one bureaucracy

says that she will not get the surgery that she needs to save her life because we do not pay our fair share, it is only fair and proper that she come and speak to her local member of Parliament.

What do we do with a circumstance like this? I have to say that as tragic as the situation was, sometimes these circumstances drive me to stay in this job. This is the time when I really honestly say that I have an opportunity to make a substantial difference in someone's life and I will throw every ounce of my ability at and do everything I can to try to fix this particular problem. I do not care if it does not result in one extra vote; I do not care if no-one knows about it. This is the work I came here to do. I wrote to the minister explaining that. After a little back and forth the minister agreed that the patient assisted travel scheme could be used and that the arrangements would be made with New South Wales for her to travel. Unfortunately, there is a very small window of time in which this operation can occur, and to keep that window open for as long as possible, she was on a rather aggressive bout of chemotherapy. Her surgeon said that it was now too late and she could not travel. Therefore, that window was closing.

The argument then moved on to whether it would be possible for the surgery to be performed here in Western Australia. Again, after a bit of argy-bargy, it came down to yes, it would. The surgeon wanted to perform the operation at Joondalup hospital. The Department of Health wanted him to do the surgery at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Again, this woman was sitting there going, "I do not really care where it is done; you can do it in my back shed if need be; I just want the surgery", and there was a bit of an impasse. Eventually the surgeon agreed to do the surgery at Sir Charles Gairdner, only to find out that he was not registered or authorised or cleared to perform surgery at that hospital, and we hit another roadblock. After a few more weeks of back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, we have finally found a solution, because the surgeon is able to perform the surgery at Fremantle Hospital. I understand that Patricia Svenson is likely to have that surgery in the next three weeks. If everything goes well, she will still be alive at Christmas; if everything goes well, she will still be alive in five years. This is a woman who is fighting hard for her life, and I was happy to help her in any way I could. She was truly grateful for the help that we were able to get for her to navigate the system.

I suppose that from time to time everyone here meets constituents who are at the end of their tether. But it does make me pause and think: What would happen if we were not there? What would have been the consequences for this woman if we were not there? The answer is quite simply that the system would have failed this woman entirely and she would have been left to die. That should make us ask: how can we, in a state as wealthy as Western Australia, in a country that is doing as well as Australia, get to a situation in which people are literally left to die because a bureaucrat cannot apply common sense and change the rules a bit?

I was recently told a story about a person who was having treatment for anaphylaxis. The treatment involved checking whether the person had any allergic reactions. There is a rule that says that if the person has an allergic reaction—which of course is a possible outcome—an ambulance must be used to transfer the person to hospital. The problem was that this person was right next door to a hospital. But the rule was still that an ambulance had to be used to take the person across the road to the hospital. However, when the ambulance did arrive, they refused to take the person to hospital because he had already been provided with an EpiPen. Clearly, everyone is scratching their heads and saying, "This rule does not mesh with this rule which does not mesh with this rule; what can we do? It is all too hard". Probably part of the reason for the cynicism that has managed to inject itself into politics in Australia is that we have created these robust systems whereby we occasionally cannot see the trees for the forest.

Over the last few months I have had to deal with a couple of issues. One of those issues is hoons. I was contacted by some people, and had some street meetings, about a huge hoon problem that is occurring in front of a new skate park that has been constructed in High Wycombe. The residents were quite concerned about it and wanted to know what could be done about it. I invited the local government to the meeting, because it is located on a road that it is responsible for, and they were helpful and talked about some things they could put in place that might arrest the hoon behaviour. I undertook to write to the Minister for Police to see whether we could put some surveillance in place to try to catch the hoons in the act. About five weeks later, I got a phone call from a constituent who lived in that street to say that his house had been broken into and he had gone to the police to try to get the pictures from the camera. When I asked what camera, he said that a camera had been put across the road. I said, okay, that must be the one that I asked the police to put in to catch the hoons, and he said yes, but the trouble is that the police told him that they could not get a picture from the camera, because it does not work at night, and it takes a picture only once every five minutes. It was quite a shocking revelation to me that the police would go to the trouble of erecting a camera to catch something and then put those limitations around it.

A couple of weeks later I received a letter from the minister telling me that they had erected this camera and that it had been there from just after Christmas until the new year and had found no evidence whatsoever of hoon activity. That is not a surprise if the camera does not take pictures at night, and if pictures are taken only once every five minutes. Naturally, everyone in the street was fairly incensed about this idea and the people on Wittenoom Road said to me, "What are you going to do about it?" Again, I went back to the minister and asked him to please explain why that happened and what we could do to catch the hoons in the act. In the meantime, on

Australia Day another hoon tore down the road, did some burnouts, skipped the verge, ended up in someone's front yard, blew a couple of tyres and then tore down the road. Apparently the hoon was completely drunk at the time. It was only a matter of luck that when that happened a child was not playing in the front yard or that someone was not greatly hurt. I asked the people in the street what they did about it. They said, "Well, what do you do? By the time you call the police, they will not get here." I said, "Well, you still called in?" One woman said, "Yes, but I got stuck on a call centre and they weren't any help." Others said they called the police and the police eventually came. The people provided the police with the licence plate number and all the details. I asked them what the outcome was and they said that they did not know. The system sort of works; they got through to the call centre and they got the police out there eventually, but they had no sense of safety or immediacy. They did not know who the police were; they spoke to some call centre out in Midland and someone allegedly did something. They do not know whether a person was arrested or charged or what happened. Naturally, the community becomes quite cynical when people pour information into the system and the system acts in a cold, callous way and does its job as the lumbering machine that it is, but does not provide any information back to the community. I have now got a street of people asking, "What can we do? What is the point? Really, we need to take things into our own hands if we are going to deal with this particular problem." Of course, I told them not to do that.

**Mr P. Abetz:** Don't you have e-Watch?

**Mr A.J. WADDELL:** No.

That is another example of, again, large collective systems that can fail people. Even though they might work, they create a sense of failure among the people involved. While I am on the issue of policing, I want to talk briefly about speed cameras. I think speed cameras are a very useful tool in combatting speeding drivers and if we can reduce the overall speed on the roads, we will obviously end up with safer streets.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr A.J. WADDELL:** However, every time we allow a speed camera to be used in a way that is most definitely, clearly and without any question revenue-raising, we undermine the credibility of that useful tool within the community. At the end of Kalamunda Road is the Great Eastern Highway Bypass. Drivers come off Kalamunda Road at 70 kilometres an hour, move on to the Great Eastern Highway Bypass at 90 kilometres an hour and travel for about 600 metres up that road before it switches into Great Eastern Highway and becomes a 60-kilometre-an-hour zone. Every four or five days there is a police presence on that corner with radar guns or a Multanova pinging people coming out of the 90-kilometre-an-hour zone and into the 60-kilometre-an-hour zone. I have never in my 45 years seen an accident in the area. There are no pedestrians in the area. It is an industrial area and everyone who comes around that corner goes, "There is Robin Hood again doing his highway robbery." It undermines our system. That is the sort of thing I am talking about. We need to create credibility within the community.

Other problems that I have within my area concern transport issues. We have a big problem on Berkshire Road as it comes off Roe Highway. That intersection was poorly designed. I have no idea who designed it, but it is a bit of a dogleg.

Big trucks try to enter onto Roe Highway and, as many people will know, Roe Highway can become quite busy. Trucks and cars travel along Roe Highway at between 80 kilometres an hour at the intersection and 100 kilometres an hour. In order for a truck to cross this dogleg at Berkshire Road, it almost has to park up right in the middle of the highway before it can make it all the way around, because whoever designed the intersection did not align it properly. A phenomenal number of people have said to me that it is only a matter of time before there is a major collision there that costs people's lives. I have written to the minister about it and I have been told that it is a lower priority, although I note that as it gets closer to the election, it becomes a slightly higher priority because the Minister for Transport is starting to turn some attention to my electorate and to some of the problems that exist, which is absolutely refreshing.

Up to now people in the eastern part of Perth have been entirely ignored. I have come many a time to this theme of how little there is in the eastern part of Perth. Let us take the 2031 transport plan that was announced late last year. There was barely a mention of anything in my electorate. We were not looking at trains. We were not looking at buses. We were not looking at anything. In fact, the minister recently suggested in the media that he thought that a train through Forrestfield would be a wonderful idea. Of course, when he was pressed on the idea, it turned out to be a rather insubstantial thought bubble. It became quite clear that we would not see anything inside the period of the 2031 plan; in fact, it would not even start to be considered until after 2031, and, given the nature of rail, another 10 to 15 years of planning can be added on top of that. Perhaps the minister is saying that maybe in 2045 we can expect something through the area of Forrestfield. I do not know whether we can plan that far out for rail because, frankly, in the 35 years between now and then, populations will shift majorly and technology will change a great deal. Seriously, the promise is worth virtually nothing. We need solutions, and we need them now.

The current health facility that services the area, Swan District Hospital, has had a massive rise in ramping. The amount of ramping that has been occurring has almost doubled. Everyone says that the solution to this will be when the Midland health campus goes online in 2015. People in the area have been waiting for a hospital for a long time. It has been promised by many different governments. All we have seen so far is an area of land that has been put aside and successive signs with different government logos on them saying, “Coming soon”. Again, this feeds into the cynicism of people. They do not want signs; they want real buildings. It will happen. I know it will happen, because there is money in the budget, unlike the situation for many other things. One of the problems I have is that the major health facility is being built without even a thought for how people will use it or for the transport infrastructure that is needed for people to get to the hospital. We must keep in mind that a lot of people who will use a facility such as the new Midland health campus will be elderly people who may not have access to a private vehicle. If people want to access public transport to get to the new Midland health campus, they can count on up to a two-hour bus trip to get there because there are no regular services going in that direction. That is a ridiculous situation. It is just absurd. We need to acknowledge the need for public transport in the area. Again, I wrote to the minister about the public transport that is necessary for the area. I was told that the bureaucrats measure this and that, and they say that the demand for it is not there. Of course demand for it is not there. If it is not there now, people have made other arrangements. They are not all standing at the side of the road waiting for us to build the railway. They are not standing at the side of the road waiting for a non-existent bus to turn up. They are making alternative arrangements. It is only when we provide the infrastructure that people will change their behaviour and start using these things; otherwise, we are in this constant state of crisis. It is about planning, planning, planning; we need to actually be thinking forward, not always reacting, reacting, reacting. Today the minister in response to a dorothy dixer about transport in Wanneroo told us that it is raining buses in Wanneroo! I do not know what sort of umbrella people need for that, but I can tell members about raining in buses. My electorate officer regularly uses a bus that comes past my office in High Wycombe and has told me stories of when they have been on the bus and it has been raining inside the bus! We get the second-rate leaky buses because there is a need to use diesel buses as there is no gas at the Kalamunda bus depot. As a consequence, we get second-rate service that is irregular and ask ourselves why there is no demand for public transport. If that is the way we treat people who use public transport, and if we are going to tell them they can have an infrequent bus and not to expect to stay dry on it, we should not expect huge demand for it.

Whilst I am on the subject of transport, again I return to the Maddington and Kenwick train stations. I recently did a midnight train ride up and down the length of the train to watch what was happening on it. I was joined by several other members on that ride. It was an interesting night. It was very safe for us because we were all cocooned amongst ourselves and I think the head of Transperth security was shadowing us or something like that, so I do not think that at any point we were at any real risk. However, in my attempt to catch the train—I kept missing it so I was driving alongside the track step-by-step to try to catch up with the train I was going to be on—at one stage I was delayed by some 15 police cars that surrounded, I think, the Maddington train station because there had been a little bit of a riot there. There is no doubt that the Armadale line is one of the most dangerous lines in Australia and needs some serious rehabilitation. It needs investment in decent stations. It needs investment at Maddington and Kenwick. Disabled people should not ever try to use those stations because they are not compliant; they are just not up to speed.

I have been talking to a number of people. The other day I was at Arcadia Waters in Maddington, which is a retirement village area. A lot of people there are very concerned about the ongoing delay in changes being made to the Retirement Villages Act. A lot of people do not understand that if for whatever reason someone needs to move out of a retirement village—let us say that they require higher care, which, with the increase in Alzheimer’s disease, is a more common occurrence—that person’s house in the retirement village, which they may have invested a substantial amount of money in, is still subject to operating costs. I think that at Arcadia Waters people are looking at somewhere in the range of \$320 a month for operating costs. If that house becomes vacant, it is usually up to the village itself to find someone else. The village markets the house to get somebody else to move in. Whilst the village is in that process, the person continues to pay the monthly cost, so people who can usually ill afford to pay money have to continue paying. Of course, it also happens that if suddenly the occupier is deceased, their estate has to keep paying the operating costs. There is absolutely no incentive whatsoever for the village that is responsible for onselling the house to actually go through the onselling process when it continues to receive the monthly operating costs for it. Depending on the contract, this can go on for six, 12, 18 or 36 months. The people at Arcadia Waters—in particular I have been speaking to Eric Pamment—have been telling me that there is a huge demand for us to modify the act to deal with that problem. I think he has a very good point on that topic. It is like the long-stay caravan park thing—I have been here for three and a half years, and every year it comes back. Every year we stand here and say we need to do it but it does not happen.

The community sees question time and they see the game playing that go on in here. They see us do things such as pass a bill to change Foundation Day to WA Day. I do not have a problem with that. Frankly, it is a piece of legislation we should be able to pass in 10 minutes and get on with business. The community sees that sort of

thing and asks, “Why can’t you guys deal with the substantive issues? Why can’t you do the things that are bothering us?” When we do not, and when they see games being played, they become cynical. They disengage from the process. As they disengage from the process, we allow others to get in and manipulate it. That is the real fear. That is the corruption that is inherent in our system. We are responsible, the media are responsible, and people are responsible. I do not know who it was, but an American President once said that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. When people turn off, that vigilance disappears. That is when the cracks start to form.

**MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington)** [9.01 pm]: I would like to make a contribution in reply to the Premier’s Statement. I start off by addressing some of the issues the Premier raised. Reading his speech and listening to him this afternoon reminded me of that Jim Carrey movie *Liar Liar* because I am looking for the truth in this speech. For example, the Premier said —

Since coming to government, we have slowed expenses growth, which peaked at more than 13 per cent under Labor ...

I actually have in my hand the *2011–12 Government Mid-year Financial Projections Statement*; a government publication. In it, the government explains how its expenditure is going. I would like to show the Acting Speaker (Mr A.P. O’Gorman) this little chart. It shows that the only occasion when there has been 13 per cent expenses growth was under the Barnett Liberal government. In fact, there was only double-digit growth once under the previous Labor administration. There has been double-digit growth every year under the Barnett Liberal government. When the Premier comes into this chamber and says that growth peaked at more than 13 per cent under Labor and he is going to moderate that growth, he should tell the truth. It should be as simple as that. It is outrageous for the Premier to come in here and say something that simply is not true in his own speech laying out the government agenda for the year. I would think the Premier had an obligation to be honest with the people of Western Australia and this chamber. The budget projections go on in this chart, as members can see. This reminds me of the old saying, “Lord give me patience, just not right now!” The government says that expenses growth for 2012–13 will be two per cent, after this year being four times higher than that. We need some honesty from the Premier of this state. One of the problems we need to attack is the spin and dishonesty that comes out of the government.

I draw members’ attention to the recent announcement on the stadium that was generated on the front page of *The West Australian*. It was simply an announcement of a tender for a consultant to give advice to the government. It was not in fact anything to do with the construction of the stadium. The government still does not know where the stadium will be built. It says somewhere on the Burswood peninsula, somewhere close to the freeway going past, but it still does not know where it will be built. It does not know the design or the cost. The fact that the government does not know the cost of the stadium is very interesting because the Premier has already told us that it will cost \$700 million. That is what he said—\$700 million for the stadium. Even the Premier knows that that statement is not true. At his press conference in December to announce the issuing of a tender for a consultant to help develop the business case for the stadium, the Premier admitted that he had actually made up that figure of \$700 million and that he had had no basis for saying that. He said that he had made up that \$700 million figure because he was asked, when he made his midyear announcement of his intention to build a stadium at Burswood, to give a figure to journalists. So what did he say? He said that it was going to cost \$700 million. He had no basis for that claim and there is not a single document available to support it. I asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation a detailed question regarding that issue, and the reply is in *Hansard* to show that the Premier has no idea how much the stadium is going to cost.

The Premier has just walked into the chamber; I will offer him a bet. I will offer him \$10 that the stadium will cost more than \$700 million, because we all know that that is what is going to happen.

It is interesting that the Minister for Sport and Recreation went on a world tour to see a number of stadiums as examples of what might be built on the Burswood peninsula. If we google all those stadiums, we find that every one of them had massive cost blow-outs. Not only that, but five of the six stadiums the minister visited are privately owned. Only one of them has government money in it, and that was a local government in America that funded the \$350 million blow-out by issuing a bond paid for by a bed tax on the hotels in the area, and by an increase in property taxes.

One of the things we know from what the Minister for Sport and Recreation has told us about those stadiums is that every single one had a cost blow-out. It is going to be really amusing to see the Premier come back in here and explain why the \$700 million stadium costs \$1 billion, \$1.5 billion—who knows? Not a single person in this chamber knows how much that stadium will cost. In fact, not a single person outside this chamber knows how much it will cost, because the Premier junked the proper processes for making a decision on behalf of the people of Western Australia.

I recently met with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia and the point was made to me that it has for some years said that we need to have a state infrastructure strategy. I know that the Premier rejects

that, and that is fine; he is allowed to do that. But I say it is not appropriate to not have any process around making an infrastructure decision. How much is it going to cost? How much interest is going to be paid?

I asked a simple question of the Minister for Sport and Recreation before Christmas: how far will a person have to walk from East Perth to the stadium gate? He does not know. I asked him: have you held discussions with the operators of Burswood Casino about people going to the stadium using the casino car park? There has been a lot of play by the government that the stadium will not have a car park because everybody will come on public transport. There is a massive car park right next door at the casino. I asked: what discussions have you had with the operators of the Burswood Casino regarding patrons of the stadium using Burswood's car park? He said that it was too preliminary a stage for the government to have those discussions. Too preliminary a stage! The government is investing perhaps \$2 billion in this project—\$1.5 billion for the stadium, and up to \$500 million for the transport infrastructure.

I also asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation a very simple question: will people be able to get on a train at the Burswood stadium train station and get off in Joondalup? He said that he did not know. I asked him: can you get on a train at the stadium station and get off in Mandurah? He said that he did not know. I will tell members why this is such an important issue. I also asked the minister how long it would take 42 000 people—which is three quarters of the stadium's capacity—to get on a train. The government has said on a number of occasions that it expects three out of four people to use the train to get to the stadium. I asked: how long will it take—how many hours, minutes, whatever—from the end of a match to the last train departing the special station? That is a pretty simple question, one would think; the answer was, "Dunno". That is the answer from the government.

There is an important issue here. Unless the government is going to build massive additional infrastructure in the CBD, we cannot get a train from the Armadale line to the Joondalup line. It is impossible, unless we back the train around. What is going to have to happen? Everyone will have to get on the train at Burswood, get into the city, get off again, and then get on another train, because we cannot turn the train around; there is no right-hand turn from the Armadale line. If I am wrong, why does the minister not answer the questions I have asked? I asked those specific questions and they were not answered. I asked whether the cost of building the bridge across the Swan River was part of the government's \$700 million plan to build the stadium. It does not know whether the bridge is part of the \$700 million or whether it is extra to the \$700 million. What sort of amateur show is being run here? What sort of second-rate government is being delivered to the people of Western Australia?

I turn to another issue. Today the Premier said —

The government has also removed hundreds of boards and committees that are no longer relevant, saving taxpayers' money on member fees and administration, and cutting down on regulation.

That is a very interesting comment from the Premier. I have asked the Premier to provide the detail upon which he says there are now fewer boards today than there were before he came to government. He does not know why. He cannot answer that question. He says that about half the boards that he says no longer exist no longer exist because he changed what a board is. The Premier has indignantly stood in this chamber on a number of occasions and said that the former government did not even know what a board was. Obviously the Premier did because he stood in the chamber and said there were 1 300 boards. I asked what happened to them. He does not know, because half of them still exist. He just said that they are not boards any more. That is the sort of dishonest thing that we constantly get from this government.

There is another clanger in this speech. The Premier said —

The Treasurer will announce details of a future fund as part of the forthcoming state budget and will introduce legislation to establish the fund later this year.

Again, that is very interesting. If we look at the *Government Mid-year Financial Projections Statement* and any of the charts showing the liabilities of the government—I draw members' attention to the one on page 20—they show that borrowings will increase over the forward estimates period. There is a specific comment about that need for official borrowings by the Under Treasurer in his document regarding what is happening with the government's financial position. He says that the government is spending more money than it receives and that is why it is borrowing money. It is doing that because it says it is investing all this money in infrastructure. If a future fund is introduced while borrowing money, we borrow money to put into the future fund. That is exactly what happens. There can be no other way of looking at it. Unless we reduce borrowings and have a smaller debt, it means we are borrowing money to put into the future fund. That is like borrowing money on our bankcard to stick into our savings account. It does not make sense to ordinary people and it does not make sense to a state government, but the state government fixes that. In the last two years of the forward estimates it says that the interest it receives on deposits will be higher than the interest it paid on borrowings. In other words, the government says it will be better off borrowing more money. That is patently ridiculous. It is cooking the books. It is worth about \$400 million over the forward estimates. That is why this is a crock. This government is basing its financial projections on false positioning. There is absolutely no doubt about that. All one has to do is read the

documentation. I know that many people in our community are too busy to read documents but I encourage everyone to do it because every time we look at the facts around this government, we see that they are full of spin and dishonesty and there needs to be a change.

On page 2 of today's speech by the Premier, he said —

I am proud of the Liberal–National government's commitment to resolving longstanding native title matters. This month the government made an in-principle offer to resolve all native title claims in Perth and the south west.

That is really interesting, because of course the Premier of this state of Western Australia voted to abolish native title in Western Australia. He voted to say that there was no native title in Western Australia. It was the High Court of Australia that overturned that law. That is the reason we are allowed to continue to have native title in Western Australia. If the Premier of this state had got his way, there would be no native title at all in Western Australia, and that would be a tragedy for every single person in this state. I encourage the government to come to a proper resolution of the Nyoongar native title claim, but let us not have more dishonesty in that process. The Liberal Party campaigned for decades against land rights in this state. Everybody remembers the television ads. Everybody remembers the Premier of this state, the member for Churchlands and the member for Darling Range standing in this place to vote against native title. That is what happened. Let us not re-write history. Let us be honest with the people of Western Australia.

I want to go on to a couple of other issues. I want to go to the question of the strategic energy initiative. It is very interesting to read some of the comments in the strategic energy initiative discussion paper. It will be interesting to see whether the report will ever be completed. The Minister for Energy is running out of time. I know that he does not like to produce any real work. The last time he put out a media release on the energy portfolio was December 2011. He has not yet responded to the Economic Regulation Authority report of December 2011 and he has not responded to the report of the Trenorden committee. Those reports set out in detail why Western Power is a failure under the minister's leadership and why Western Power is endangering Western Australians. However, let us go on to the strategic energy initiative discussion paper, which at page 13 states —

Western Australia's dependence on petroleum products is similar to the rest of Australia.

That is true. It continues —

Western Australia has only one petroleum refinery (BP at Kwinana) and relies heavily on imported oil, as does the rest of Australia.

I will make a point there. What is the government's plan to ensure that the BP refinery continues? At the moment Caltex is considering shutting its two facilities in South Australia and Queensland. What is the state government doing to discuss with BP its future plans for that facility? If it shuts, we will be entirely vulnerable to imported oil in emergencies. The discussion paper continues —

The Devil Creek gas processing plant is one example of an alternative, with the project intended to produce liquid fuels using a gas condensate feedstock.

That is very interesting. But of course gas condensate, as the Premier knows well, is a common by-product of the gas fields in the north of Australia, so it is not actually anything particularly new. It is obviously welcome, but it is not something new.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** It is very interesting to note that the discussion paper states —

Increased investment in generation following the establishment of the Western Australia Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) has reduced the State's dependence on liquid fuels for electricity generation other than in remote communities.

This is the discussion paper issued by the Office of Energy on behalf of the Minister for Energy. It is saying that there has been increased investment in Western Australia because of disaggregation. That is what it says. It says there in black and white that the Western Australian wholesale electricity market is what was created by disaggregation. I have referred previously in this place to ERA reports that show that the price of electricity in the short-term trading market has halved since disaggregation—halved! The government makes it clear that investment by the private sector in generating capacity in this state has directly led to a lower wholesale price in the service delivery model. That is very important when we have, as we do, a large level of over-capacity of baseload power. It allows us to have a very low price, and I have gone through that in very great detail in the past. That is why the government of Western Australia, led by the Premier of this state, has a policy position of rejecting the amalgamation of Verve and Synergy. That is the policy of the government of Western Australia. Therefore, it is always interesting to listen to the Premier on radio, every time he gets a curly question from a journalist, coming up with the nonsense about re-amalgamation, because the policy position—not the spin of the

Premier when he is under pressure, but the truth—is that the rejection of re-amalgamation is the position of the government of Western Australia. It is as interesting when we do not hear an interjection from the Premier as when we do.

We heard some more spin today in question time. The honourable Minister for Transport talked about the great investments in roads that the government is making. In the 2008–09 financial year, the Western Australia own-source investment in infrastructure and roads was \$662.489 million. In the 2011–12, it had gone down by nearly 50 per cent to \$367.623 million. The problem for the government, if it wanted to be honest, is that it would have to admit that most of the projects are funded by the commonwealth. Those are just the facts.

A member interjected.

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** The Minister for Transport interjects from out of his seat that that is not true. I am sorry to tell him that it is true. This is out of his budget papers; these are the facts that he has presented to this chamber. He can sit there and say anything he likes, but these are the facts.

We have to get away from government spin, and we have to get to the facts. We also have to look at the question of sovereign risk. The biggest sovereign risk in the energy sector in Western Australia is the Premier of this state. We have had such significant investment in private sector energy capacity that that investment is now being put at risk by the Premier's continual activity on radio stations. He does not make the policy decision to reverse the government's position to reject re-amalgamation, because that is the policy decision of the government, but he goes on radio and makes comments that undermine the interests of the private sector that have invested in this state. I have been told by owners of generators that they are selling out of their investments in Western Australia because of the risk that has been presented by the Premier of this state. They are the facts about this government.

I go to another bit of spin about the foreshore. We have all seen pictures in *The West Australian* of a foreshore development covered in buildings. There is a cable car to Kings Park and an Indigenous museum. Unfortunately, that is not what the government is building. The government is building an inlet and 11 vacant building sites. That is what the government is doing. For \$450 million, it is building 11 vacant sites and an inlet, and it will cause traffic chaos for anybody like me who lives in the eastern suburbs and for the people I represent in the seat of Cannington. As I understand it, 30 000 cars a day use Riverside Drive. This is why the member for South Perth calls for a tunnel to be built on Riverside Drive. I do not know how much that would cost. I will tell members what could be done that would not cost that much—that is, the formation of a proper plan for the foreshore project that is not about building 11 vacant sites.

It is always interesting to go to this question of spin, which the government loves to use. I asked two simple questions of the Minister for Planning: when is it expected that the first coffee shop will open in the foreshore project? Does the Premier know?

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** Sorry; I was not listening.

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** When will the first coffee shop open in the Perth Foreshore development?

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** As if I'd know.

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** It is 2016. When will the last building be built? It is 2022.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** Is there anything in this state that you actually support?

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** Absolutely.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** Is there anything you have a positive thought about?

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** Unlike you, Premier, I do not come in here and say things that are other than the truth.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** You have just been prattling on in the most negative speech for the last 20 minutes.

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** It is very interesting that the Premier makes those comments. He is not prepared to interject on the facts I raised. He is prepared only to spin; he is interested only in spin. The Premier can be really exciting and not tell the truth or he can stand in the chamber as I do and tell the truth. I have spoken the truth tonight and he has not once interjected on me because he knows everything I have said is based on facts. Everything I have said tonight about the ridiculous spin and rubbish that come from the Premier's office is the truth. He cannot interject because I am telling the truth. Now, he can go back to sleep. I saw him sleeping this afternoon. That is all right; I do not mind that. He is allowed to sleep in here if he wants.

**Dr K.D. Hames:** You make comments like that and I see people on your side in a similar position, and no comments are made.

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** Sorry, the Premier goes on like this all the time and wonders why things happen. Give me a break, Minister for Health. If the Premier would tell the truth in public, that would be helpful. He should go on radio and the next time Paul Murray asks him about re-amalgamation why does he not say, "Well, the policy

position of the state government is not to re-amalgamate. We spent a quarter of a million dollars on a review. We hired a person whom I am friends with and he told me not to do it, and that was the decision of cabinet.” That would be telling the truth. I am sorry that the Premier is not able to do that.

I want to get on to a couple of issues which do not relate to government spin but which relate to my electorate. Schools have restarted. It is really good when we go to the schools and see a lot of new infrastructure in them. Every school in my electorate has had Building the Education Revolution improvements, and they are fabulous. Not a single school community in the electorate of Cannington has anything but praise for the additional facilities that have been put in by the commonwealth government through the Building the Education Revolution. Things like the new library and art room at Queens Park school have been built. The new trade centre and year 7 centre at St Norbert College and the new arts centre and early years’ facilities at Cannington Community College are just fabulous. They are all very welcome additions to the schools. St Joseph’s Primary School in Queens Park has been able to use BER money, plus some borrowings that were subsidised by the state and some capital grants to completely rebuild the school. It had just raised funds itself to build half the school, and by combining the BER money with all that other money, it has been able to completely finish the second half of the school. It is therefore effectively a brand-new school in Queens Park, and that is fabulous. I always make the joke when I go to St Joseph’s that I went to St Joseph’s, just not the one in Queens Park.

Another thing that has happened in the local area is that a couple of our schools have been given independent public school status. One of them is Lynwood Senior High School, which is just across the road in the electorate of the member for Riverton but which services Lynwood, Ferndale and Langford in my electorate, Bannister Creek Primary School in Lynwood and Beckenham Primary School in Beckenham have all been given independent public school status. I think parents want to have more control over their own lives. That includes more control over their schools and other services. What I do say is that the government cannot use this as an excuse to cut off schools. It still needs to provide support to schools so that principals and teachers have that support built around them to enable them to continue to focus on their job of teaching our children in the classroom and not get distracted by other issues.

I want to raise the question of community safety. I have some particular problems in the suburb of Thornlie. About one-third of the suburb of Thornlie is in my electorate, member for Gosnells, and it has particular problems. I continue to raise those with the local police, who are very responsive when I raise issues with them. But I want to put on record, for the benefit of the community in Thornlie, that I understand the issues they are raising with me and I will continue to talk to the local police service about what we can do about them. Likewise, in Langford, the police acknowledge that there has been an increase in problems in that part of the electorate, and I will continue to talk to the local police to see what can be done to improve the lot for people in those two suburbs in particular, but, generally, across the area.

I just want to also make a comment that the government has instituted an inquiry into the City of Canning. I am not aware of the reasons for which the government has instituted that inquiry other than those I have read about in a media release in the newspaper, but I say that the inquiry has to be done in an open and transparent manner. The people of the City of Canning need to know exactly what is being investigated; they need to be able to trust that the investigation will come to a conclusion and that they will get to know what those conclusions are. I do not think anyone wants to see an inquiry being done in which those issues are not all ventilated. I do not know that there are problems because the inquiry has only just begun, but whatever the reason for the inquiry, it is clearly not the ratepayers’ fault that the inquiry has been called, particularly because it is not an inquiry into the councillors but rather the administration. Therefore, I say the government should really be meeting those expenses and not handing them on to the ratepayers of the City of Canning. We will have to see how that all goes, but I know ratepayers would not be happy to be given a bill at the end of the inquiry, particularly if it is not conducted in an open and transparent way. I would say that at this stage it cannot be considered open or transparent because there has not been a detailing of the allegations.

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [9.32 pm]: I am very pleased to make this contribution to the debate in response to the Premier’s Statement. I would like to begin by touching on a transport-related issue: a roundabout located just on the edge of my electorate that adjoins the electorate of Southern River. The roundabout has three main roads coming into it: Nicholson Road, Yale Road and Garden Street. This roundabout becomes very heavily congested in peak-hour traffic. Thanks to work I was able to do, design plans were drawn up for the City of Gosnells by Main Roads and a good design has been put forward. The design uses a system that is quite innovative; it is called metering. This is rather like having traffic lights on a roundabout, but they are not traffic lights, they simply halt the flow of traffic. When there is a constant flow of traffic coming down one road there is then the problem that on the other roads the cars are stuck; they are not able to get onto the roundabout. I agree with comments that I know the minister has made that this system of metering is somewhat innovative. We do not see it on many roundabouts in Western Australia. It is, of course, seen elsewhere.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** We’re putting them in at Eelup in Bunbury.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** Right, so it is something that has come in. It is good news that we are getting this system already in Western Australia; no longer is it something totally new. But where I am particularly disappointed, and I am glad the minister is engaging on this point, is that the problem seems to be that the \$1.5 million required to build the traffic lights/metering lights and also provide two slip roads to alleviate congestion—something that is a real nuisance for people coming through —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Sorry to interrupt you, but it is a matter that the member for Southern River has brought to my attention extensively and I am moderately confident that we will be able to address that in the not-too-distant future, all thanks to the efforts of the member for Southern River.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** We have been hearing about that and I am sure the minister is aware that it was my efforts that probably instigated the Main Roads people to do the design plan in the first place.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I've never had a comment from you in relation to that intersection.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I think the minister has, and he has certainly seen plenty of media comment on it. This is not the first time I have raised the issue and, in fact, the last I heard was that the minister was not able to provide \$1.5 million out of the black spot funding because it was an innovative project and he was not able to alter the rules that would enable access to \$1.5 million to fix this problem. It is a very simple problem and I know that his federal parliamentary colleagues have endeavoured to intervene on this as well.

Several members interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr A.P. O'Gorman):** Members!

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I have certainly heard comment made by the member for Hasluck, the federal member for Swan and the federal member for Tangney; they have all been urging the minister. He has certainly had plenty of pressure put on him to fix this at last fix, so I think we will be very pleased.

**Mr P. Abetz** interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Member for Southern River!

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I acknowledge that the member for Southern River, too, has been involved, but I know they took my initiative to ensure that we have the design plans done.

**Mr T.R. Buswell** interjected.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** Therefore, at long last I gathered from the —

*Point of Order*

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Mr Acting Speaker, as is normal with any speech, if a speaker invites interjections, that is normally allowed. It is very clear that the member for Gosnells is not entertaining the pathetic interjections from the minister, and I ask you to call him to order.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr A.P. O'Gorman):** Thank you, member for Mandurah. Members, I am sure you all know that it is unparliamentary to interject in this place. Three members on the right-hand side have been interjecting on the member for Gosnells, who has continued to try to speak through those interjections. I ask that you hold back on your interjections and allow the member for Gosnells to deliver his speech in silence.

*Debate Resumed*

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

I will conclude on this point by saying that these works are urgently needed. The communities of Gosnells and Southern River desperately need this major bottleneck to be resolved so that they can go about their duties and get home in a quick and efficient way. So I look forward to those works being done very soon.

Another issue that is of grave concern to people in my electorate is the slowness of landowners to develop their properties. Some owners are inclined to sit on land in prime locations and not develop it. These people seem to lack entrepreneurial flair. For one reason or another, they seem to be incapable of using land that is in a prime location to its best effect, with the net result that the community has to suffer derelict buildings and the eyesore and insecurity that comes from that. Over the last couple of years I have had a number of interchanges with the Minister for Planning on this very point, and the minister has assured me that he will investigate this matter. I await some real action. Perhaps the newly convened Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority will be able to use its powers to define an area for redevelopment, and perhaps that could include these blocks of real estate, which are beautifully located straight across from Gosnells train station, into which the state has put many millions of dollars, and also into other developments around the place. But there is a missing link. That is the problem of this undeveloped private land, and the problem of owners who do not seem to have the ability or the inspiration to develop this land. One option would be a development that includes a mix of commercial and retail on the ground floor, and on the first floor there could be residential accommodation. The developer could quickly sell

off the residential accommodation and recoup the capital costs, and the developer would then have the ongoing cash flow from the rental that would be gathered from the commercial and retail tenancies on the ground floor. There are plenty of ideas around. But unfortunately we have landowners who do not have the necessary flair to do this. They do not have the confidence to enter into the financing arrangements to ensure that the work is done. They seem to lack something.

I think this is where the state has to step in, and this is where the powers of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority could be used effectively. A number of these parcels of land are owned by different landholders, so there are difficulties when small parcels of land need to be formed into a larger holding. This is also where the MRA could be used very effectively. I think this would reassure the community that the work of the MRA is not just about major projects. I was concerned to hear at one stage that the MRA would be so absorbed in developing the Perth Waterfront project that it would not be able to do any work out in the suburbs. I think if that was the case people would, in addition to the rising scepticism about the design plans for the Perth Waterfront project, feel furious that they were not getting the benefits in the suburbs from the powers of that authority. So, clearly, we need to use the planning powers that we have. Perhaps the Planning and Development Act is a more appropriate mechanism for bringing about this development. But it is something that needs to happen in the near future.

To turn to another local issue, the Thornlie train station is working well, but its patronage is such that it is very obvious that we need to extend that train line to Nicholson Road. I know that this is another area on which the member for Southern River and I strongly agree. We would both desperately like to see that train line extended. There are varying estimates of the cost of the train line extension. A couple of years ago the City of Gosnells commissioned MacroPlan Australia to do a detailed study of the costs and came up with a figure of only \$20 million. In response, when Hon Simon O'Brien was Minister for Transport, the government commissioned its own study. It commissioned the consultancy firm Syme Marmion and Co to do the study and came up with a figure of, from memory, \$60 million to \$80 million to extend the train line. I will ask the government through the questions on notice process what the latest estimate is for that development. It is very important that the community knows so that we can properly assess where the government's transport priorities are.

Having said all that, it is incredibly disappointing to see that there is no commitment in the latest transport plan, which the government put out in the middle of last year, towards an extension of the train line to Nicholson Road. There is no real commitment to development of the transport network in the south-eastern corridor. I am encouraged that the RAC has spotted this serious flaw in the government's transport plan and highlighted it. Therefore, it is not only local members—the members for Southern River, Armadale and Forrestfield and I—who are making this criticism and highlighting this lack of vision for the south-eastern corridor of Perth in the transport plan, but also bodies that are very well resourced and very capable in their ability to analyse transport planning. The RAC is certainly paramount among those sorts of bodies and has done a good job of analysing things and seeing this deficiency.

I would like to move on to another local issue—electronic school zone signs, which are sometimes known as electronic speed limit signs. I am pleased that a few schools in my electorate have received those, but I am very disappointed that some schools on very busy roads have not received them yet. I am sure that the minister will recall correspondence from me regarding Yale Primary School on very busy Yale Road. It is still waiting for the ESZs. It is frightening when we see young children crossing the road. The crosswalk attendant does his best to get people across safely, but the traffic comes up a slight rise in the road and suddenly comes upon the crosswalk, so people are caught out and it is quite frightening. We really need the minister to provide a clear explanation of the criteria used to assess which schools should be made a priority for these electronic school zone signs. At the moment the decision-making on the criteria is opaque. I am aware of some schools that are on fairly quiet side roads, such as Thornlie Christian College, and have electronic school zone signs. I am very pleased that Thornlie Christian College has electronic school zone signs, but I do not think that it is on a very busy road.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** It is on a very busy road. I have been there. I stood out the front —

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** If the minister wants to produce the statistics on the traffic volumes on Yale Road compared with —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You should be ashamed for attacking that school.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I am not attacking it, minister. I have said that I am pleased for all schools to get electronic speed zone signs. I am questioning the criteria used to determine the level of priority. I would like the minister to present clearly those criteria that he uses to determine the priority —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You go and tell the principal at that school and the kids and the parents of the kids.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** No, I am happy for the school to have them. Is the minister prepared to present the criteria?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You go down and explain the statement you just made.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** Has the minister got criteria? I take it from his failure to respond to my question that he has no criteria.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You are a disgrace. It is a brilliant school; it is an absolutely brilliant school.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** That is the truth of it. There are no criteria when it comes to —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** There are criteria and you know there are criteria.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** Present them or send them to me. Next time I write to the minister on this issue, will he send them to me?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** They are public.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** Where are they?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** The criteria are public. I have discussed them. The member for Balcatta has read them out in this place.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** The minister has never sent them to me. I have written to the minister about this a number of times but he has not sent them to me. The minister has failed to send them to me. I look forward to receiving those criteria.

Several members interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** You'll have your chance. Stand up if you want to. You've been bleating on all evening. Call him to order, Mr Acting Speaker.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr A.P. O'Gorman):** Member for Mandurah, I cannot call him to order when I cannot get my voice heard. I call both you, member for Mandurah, and the Minister for Transport to order.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I look forward to receiving a copy of the criteria that the minister used to determine the priorities for the electronic school zone sign installations. I think each school requires a budget of \$40 000 for these signs to make it safer—\$40 000 to make sure that the lives of children are improved.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Why did the former government put none in?

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** Because, minister, I should imagine that the technology has come a long way in the past few years. It is clear that these signs have become much more readily available in the past three and a half years. Previously, they were not as affordable as they are now.

I will move on to another local issue relating to our planning process in Western Australia. I have been receiving submissions from a number of constituents in my electorate and in the member for Southern River's electorate regarding a McDonald's that is proposed for an area of Thornlie. People are concerned that the McDonald's fast-food chain can put forward a development proposal and if the City of Gosnells knocks back that proposal, the McDonald's fast-food outlet can appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal. But should the City of Gosnells approve the development application by McDonald's, the local residents have no right of appeal. There is an inequity. It is a concern that in our planning process we have such an inequity. We do not treat all stakeholders equally. That is something that needs to be resolved. I will certainly seek to assist those constituents who live near this proposed McDonald's outlet and advise them on how they can best use the local government development approval process to have their views heard. I will encourage them to participate in that as fully as possible. We should not just leave this issue to local government; we should make sure that the system is improved so that all people have an equal voice in decision making on development applications in their areas.

I would like to move on to some broader issues. One in particular relates to electricity prices. People in my electorate, like those in many electorates, are very concerned about this issue. I was pleased when I heard the Minister for Energy announce that he was conducting a tariff and concession framework review. The review was to look at some of the things that could be done to make the price of electricity more affordable for people and to look at different mechanisms, such as a system called inclining block tariffs. That system would enable people to have an allocation of electricity which they would pay for, but at a cheaper rate, and which would meet their basic needs.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** We have an inclining block tariff system for water. We recognise that a certain amount of water usage is essential for people's needs, and therefore it should be priced differently from the water they consume above the normal standard requirements of a household. There are all sorts of complexities around this and I fear that perhaps this is why we have not had a response from government, any further announcement, on the tariff and concession framework review. Yes, I acknowledge there are complexities, such as what we do

with large households, but I am sure that we can find a way around those complexities. What do we do if we have an allocation that, say, allows people to consume 30 units a day, which would be a fairly adequate amount for a family of four, but suddenly the family has six people because relatives arrived at their place and therefore the household was consuming more electricity? If we are talking about low-income earners, that sort of thing can really hit people's budgets hard. I am sure there are ways around those things and that is why the government, with the Western Australian Council of Social Service I understand, reviewed this issue. I am waiting to hear what the outcome of it all has been. I note, though, that in the whole process of the tariff and concession framework review some excellent submissions about electricity tariffs were made to the government. I am particularly thankful to the Gosnells Community Legal Centre for its submission. It is very telling; it outlines the fact that over the past two years it has seen a huge increase in customers seeking assistance with electricity, gas and water accounts. I note that earlier today the Premier admitted there has been a 57 per cent increase in electricity prices. He then said that the carbon price with its seven per cent increase in electricity prices will have a huge impact on our society. Fifty-seven per cent is a lot more than seven per cent, obviously, but the fact is that people are struggling to meet their electricity bills so mechanisms to assist them have to be looked at. I think that things such as inclining block tariffs should be explored as an option. It will not nullify the impacts of those dramatic price increases, but it could be a way forward.

The Gosnells Community Legal Centre provides a financial counselling service and when people access the HUGS program that we hear a lot about—the hardship utility grant scheme—they are given financial advice that can sometimes help them. One of the things identified through the scheme is that people in some cases lack the education and knowledge about energy conservation. There is also recognition that seasonal factors sometimes account for those very high utility bills. The legal centre notes that many people have to access emergency relief funding because they have overdue utility bills.

In passing, I would like to raise that many people are big electricity consumers but they might also be very big gas consumers if their hot water and heating is provided by gas, which in winter would definitely be the case. However, to my knowledge, Alinta is not part of the steering and oversight committee that looks after the hardship utility grant scheme. That is a serious deficiency in our system. It means that Alinta is unaware of the extent of the difficulties that people face and what the situation is with its own price hikes. Therefore, that is a concern.

In the Gosnells and Maddington areas there have been some 562 hardship utility grant scheme applications since February 2010. The total value of those has been some \$202 000—a large amount. The majority of the financial counselling is not for what I think it is intended, which is to help people work out how they can reorganise their budgets to not get into these terrible situations again; a lot of the time the financial counsellors spend is around negotiating with the utilities. They have to be the go-between, between householders and the utility, to make sure services are not cut off and that delays in paying bills can be managed and other arrangements made. This whole issue of how we structure electricity tariffs is one that needs to be addressed urgently by the government. As I say, I was optimistic when I heard the Minister for Energy initially talk about this and I thought there was hope, but so far we have not seen progress.

One further issue I would like to touch on is reforms to the Strata Titles Act. Members might be aware that a growing percentage of our population live in strata title premises. In fact, I have a statistic here that of the 860 000-odd homes in Western Australia, there are around 250 000 registered strata title or survey strata lots. That is a large percentage of our population. I think the figure of 250 000 needs to be reduced somewhat because that might include some premises that are not strictly residential premises. Nevertheless, a growing percentage of our population is involved in strata titles. We have a Strata Titles Act that desperately needs review. I would like to hear from the government about that. I will use the question on notice mechanisms to find out where the government is at with the review and reforms of the act. I am particularly interested in making sure a section of the act that is termed the by-laws of the act are revised in a way that allows decisions of a body corporate to be made when there is a majority view. We presently have a situation in which an almost unanimous view is required before a decision can be supported. This is really annoying for people who want to install photovoltaic panels on their roofs in a strata title complex. They cannot do it if one person in a strata title complex says they do not agree with the idea. Clearly, we need to improve our Strata Titles Act. It has perhaps served us well but it needs to evolve to be in keeping with the large number of people who now live in strata title circumstances. We need to give those people confidence that their investment in real estate is one they can build up and improve, and is in keeping with their hopes and aspirations.

Before resuming my seat, I would like to quickly touch on a visit I made to the United Kingdom as part of the Public Accounts Committee to investigate the public-private partnerships that the UK government has developed, particularly the private financing initiatives being used for the development of major hospitals. This is of course something that the committee will report on as part of its process; I will not breach any committee procedure. I would like to quickly outline to the house that the situation in the United Kingdom is so very different from what we face that it would be completely wrong for us to look upon the arrangements that the

United Kingdom government has made with PFI consortiums as some sort of model to use when engaging Serco to be the facilities manager at Fiona Stanley Hospital. It is a totally different situation. There has been a lack of investment in good hospital facilities in the United Kingdom. There was a spate of building in Victorian times resulting in places known as Victorian infirmaries. Hospitals that have not really received any maintenance effort since those times are crumbling. People desperately need new hospitals. We visited a new hospital between Glasgow and Edinburgh, the Forth Valley Royal Hospital, which replaced the Victorian-era hospitals in Stirling and Falkirk. It is a beautiful state-of-the-art hospital. It has been built using one of these consortium arrangements, but that is very different to what we are entering into with Serco. Yes, Serco is the facilities manager at the Forth Valley Royal Hospital but its role in this consortium with a financing agency, with a construction firm, and now as the facilities manager, is very different from the contract we are entering into.

I note that the government insists on describing the arrangements that we have with Serco as being a public-private partnership. I think, from what I have read in academic papers, that there is just no way one could describe it as a public-private partnership; it is a contracting-out arrangement. That would be a far more accurate way of describing it. However, we are locked in. We have still managed to gather some of the inconveniences and problems that go with a private finance initiative arrangement. Specifically, with the Serco arrangement at Fiona Stanley Hospital, we have managed to pretend that Serco is going to take the risk. For example, if there is an outbreak of legionella at the hospital, who is going to pick up the cost of bringing the hospital back up to the standard necessary to eliminate that legionella outbreak? It will be the state; it will not be the company. It is completely wrong to say that there is any transfer of risk when we enter into these types of arrangements.

The other comment that I would like to quickly make is that I do not believe there is enough constraint on companies such as Serco when it comes to contract variation. If there is something in the future that the company identifies as needing to be modified to improve the quality of service—it could be something as simple as modifying the extent of the catering service, how meals are monitored, and how they check that someone is eating the whole of the meal they have been served—the company will dramatically increase the price of their contract; they will cash in on any contract variation.

I realise that that is an ongoing issue. As I say, the Public Accounts Committee will be reporting on that issue in full in due course. I hope the government will heed the advice that we come back with, because the \$4.3 billion contract that we have entered into with Serco—10 years plus five years plus five years—is an absolutely enormous contract and is just too much of a financial commitment by this state for us to get it wrong.

I conclude my remarks there and I look forward to hearing other presentations to the house in response to the Premier's Statement.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr R.F. Johnson (Leader of the House)**.

*House adjourned at 10.02 pm*

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**SCHOOLS IN NOLLAMARA ELECTORATE — UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES**

6210. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Education

Further to Question on Notice 5861 what are the number of unexplained absences from school for the 2008, 2009 and 2010 school year for the following schools:

- (a) Nollamara Primary School;
- (b) Westminster Education Support Centre;
- (c) Westminster Junior Primary School;
- (d) Westminster Primary School;
- (e) Mirrabooka Primary School;
- (f) Mirrabooka Senior High School;
- (g) Mirrabooka Senior High School Education Support Centre;
- (h) Boyare Primary School;
- (i) Dryandra Primary School;
- (j) Waddington Primary School;
- (k) Koondoola Primary School; and
- (l) Alinjarra Primary School?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The number of students in each school year 2008, 2009 and 2010 has been determined as the average of the Semester 1 and Semester 2 enrolments for each year for each school. For 2011, the enrolment numbers for Semester 1 only of 2011 have been used [See paper 4381.]

The number of unexplained absences for the entire school year in each of 2008, 2009 and 2010 has been provided, and the number of unexplained absences for Semester 1 only of 2011.

The data relating to Mirrabooka Senior High School reflect students who had not returned to school at the commencement of Year 11. Students who do not return initially are recorded as absent until located by the school or Participation Coordinator. Many of the unexplained absences would be recorded in that early part of the year.

**SCHOOLS IN NOLLAMARA ELECTORATE — UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES**

6211. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Education

What is the number of unexplained absences from school for the current 2011 year to end of Term 2 for the following schools:

- (a) Nollamara Primary School;
- (b) Westminster Education Support Centre;
- (c) Westminster Junior Primary School;
- (d) Westminster Primary School;
- (e) Mirrabooka Primary School;
- (f) Mirrabooka Senior High School;
- (g) Mirrabooka Senior High School Education Support Centre;
- (h) Boyare Primary School;
- (i) Dryandra Primary School;
- (j) Waddington Primary School;
- (k) Koondoola Primary School; and
- (l) Alinjarra Primary School?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6210 for response.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CAR BAY ALLOCATION

6219. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

In relation to the allocation of car bays to staff in the Premier's Ministerial Office, I ask:

- (a) what was the cost of providing car bays to staff working within the Ministerial Office for the financial year 2010–11;
- (b) what has been the cost of providing car bays to staff working within the Ministerial Office for the period 1 July 2011 to 1 September 2011;
- (c) as at 1 September 2011, how many car bays are provided to staff working within the Ministerial Office;
- (d) as at 1 September 2011, how many car bays at the Perth Concert Hall are provided to any of the Ministerial staff;
- (e) what was the cost of providing parking at the Perth Concert Hall for Ministerial staff for the 2010–11 financial year;
- (f) what has been the cost of providing parking at the Perth Concert Hall for Ministerial staff for the period 1 July 2011 to 1 September 2011;
- (g) as at 1 September 2011, how many car bays at the Perth Convention Centre are provided to any of the Ministerial staff;
- (h) what was the cost of providing parking at the Perth Convention Centre for Ministerial staff for the 2010–11 financial year;
- (i) what has been the cost of providing parking at the Perth Convention Centre for Ministerial staff for the period 1 July 2011 to 1 September 2011;
- (j) since 1 January 2011, has a car bay allocated to the Ministerial Office been used for any period of time by a family member of the Minister; and
- (k) if yes to (j) for what period of time was the car bay used by a family member?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises for the Office of the Premier:

- (a) \$96,231.17
- (b) \$16,413.16
- (c) 14
- (d) Nil
- (e)–(f) Not Applicable
- (g) Nil
- (h)–(i) Not Applicable
- (j) No
- (k) Not Applicable

#### TEACHERS — WORKING CONDITIONS

6315. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

In relation to the 2011 log of claims by the State School Teachers Union Western Australia (SSTUWA), I ask:

- (a) what is the reason for the disparity between a primary school teacher (years 1 to 7) receiving 240 minutes per week for Duties Other Than Teaching (DOTT) while Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and High School teachers, get 320 minutes per week;
- (b) how are disputes currently dealt with in the following disciplines, and are there any proposed changes that may affect these dispute areas:
  - (i) permanency of staff;
  - (ii) behavioural management;
  - (iii) class sizes; and
  - (iv) occupational Health and Safety;

- (c) is the Minister aware that there are now an extra three meetings per term, a total of 20 per year, that equates to a maximum of 5 one-hour meetings per term;
- (d) are teachers required to attend these extra 12 one-hour meetings for no remuneration;
- (e) in terms of the Department of Education seeking to get a separate administrators' agreement, can the Minister outline the purpose of distinguishing between non-teaching and teaching administrators; and
- (f) can the Government be confident that it meets its responsibility to provide the best possible working conditions and relationships between our educators and management?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (a) The difference in time allocated for teachers to undertake Duties Other Than Teaching (DOTT) is historical and has been agreed to between the relevant union and the Department of Education over the course of several industrial agreements.
- (b)
  - (i) Permanency and tenure of teaching staff is covered by clause 7-Permanency and Tenure of the Teachers (Public Sector Primary and Secondary Education) Award 1993 and is consistent with the Government's Modes of Employment policy. Teachers who applied for vacant permanent teaching positions could lodge breach of standards claims with the Public Sector Commissioner if they felt the selection and recruitment process was unfair. Depending on the nature of the dispute, other processes available to teachers include the Grievance Resolution Procedure; Dispute Settlement Procedure, referral to the Employee Relations Executive Committee-Industrial Coordination Group, or referral to the WA Industrial Relations Commission. The Department of Education is not seeking to change any existing entitlements relating to permanency or tenure or the procedures for resolving associated disputes.
  - (ii) A dispute relating to student behaviour management is not an industrial matter and therefore did not and does not fall within the jurisdiction of the WA Industrial Relations Commission. Issues of this kind are dealt with at a school level by teachers and principals.
  - (iii) Individual teachers who are requested to accept a class size greater than those provided for under the General Agreement can elect to utilise the grievance resolution procedures as detailed in the General Agreement. No amendments to the grievance resolution procedures have been sought by the Department of Education other than minor consequential changes reflecting the change from a district to a regional organisational structure.
  - (iv) Disputes concerning occupational health and safety are dealt with under the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) On Thursday, 8 December 2011, the State Government reached an in-principle agreement with The State School Teachers' Union of Western Australia for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. The additional meetings equate to approximately three minutes per week. The Government's pay offer of 12 per cent over three years remunerates teachers for their attendance at these meetings.
- (e) Sections 63 and 64 of the School Education Act 1999 define the different functions to be performed by principals and teachers. The Department has proposed that a joint review of principals' conditions of employment be undertaken with the SSTUWA so that these differences in roles and responsibilities are properly recognised in any agreement.
- (f) The Government has reached an in principle agreement with the SSTUWA for a 12 per cent pay rise over three years which will again make Western Australian teachers and school psychologists the best paid in Australia reflects how highly this Government values teachers and psychologists. As a sign of goodwill, the Government has announced an immediate salary increase through an administrative payment of 3.75 per cent. This increase will be in their pay of 22 December 2011.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — GIFT ACCEPTANCE BY STAFF

6324. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Minister please advise in relation to staff within the Minister's office, has any officer, since 1 July 2011, accepted any gift, free accommodation or free travel from a private company or individual; and

- (a) if so, how many ministerial officers have accepted a gift, free accommodation or free travel from a private company or individual;
- (b) if so, what was the nature of the gift(s), free accommodation or free travel, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the gift;

- (c) if so, what is the estimated individual value of the gift(s), free accommodation or free travel; and
- (d) if so, does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship with the private company or individual, and, if so, what is the nature of that commercial or financial relationship?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet's records show for the Office of the Premier for the period 1 July 2011 to 14 October 2011:

- (a) 5
- (b)–(d) Two AFL Football tickets Rio Tinto, \$120, No.  
AFL Football ticket Rio Tinto, \$60, No.  
AFL Football ticket Synergy \$60, No.  
International Soccer ticket, GRA Everingham \$100, No.  
Two AFL Football tickets, Rio Tinto, \$120, No.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — GIFT ACCEPTANCE BY SENIOR STAFF

6342. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

For each agency within the Deputy Premier's portfolio of responsibilities, has any officer above level 3.1 within those agencies, since 1 July 2011, accepted any hospitality, invitation to an event, free accommodation or free travel from a private company or individual; and if so

- (a) how many officers have accepted any hospitality, invitation to an event, free accommodation or free travel from a private company or individual;
- (b) what was the nature of the hospitality, event, free accommodation or free travel, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered them;
- (c) what is the estimated individual value of the hospitality, event, free accommodation or free travel; and
- (d) does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship with the private company or individual, and if so, what is the nature of that commercial or financial relationship?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Time period: 1 July 2011 – 1 November 2011

Department of Health

(a)–(d) [See paper 4385.]

Healthway

Healthway provides sponsorship to approximately 700 organisations per annum. Healthway officers are required to attend sponsored events to monitor the sponsored activity and ensure specific objectives and milestones are met. In this context Healthway officers receive invitations to hundreds of sponsored activities or events per annum.

In regards to all other events;

- (a) Nil
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.

Health and Disability Services Complaints Office

- (a) Nil
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.

Rottnest Island Authority

- (a) Four.

(b)	(c)	(d)
Invitation to Australian Football League match. Spotless Cleaning.	\$200	Yes. Spotless Cleaning is the Rottnest Island Authority's current cleaning contractor on Rottnest Island.
Invitation to Australian Football League match. Spotless Cleaning.	\$200	Yes. Spotless Cleaning is the Rottnest Island Authority's current cleaning contractor on Rottnest Island.
Invitation to Australian Football League match. Spotless Cleaning.	\$200	Yes. Spotless Cleaning is the Rottnest Island Authority's current cleaning contractor on Rottnest Island.
Invitation to golf day event at Burswood. Programmed Property Services.	\$120	Yes. Programmed Facility Management is the Rottnest Island Authority's current facilities management contractor on Rottnest Island and is part of the Programmed Group.

## Tourism Western Australia

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Burswood Entertainment Complex — AFL Corporate Hospitality VIP Box	Approx \$100	Yes — Media Relationship
4	Mitchells/ Channel 10 — AFL Corporate Hospitality Corporate Suite	\$800	Yes — Advertising Contract (Mitchells)

It has been longstanding practice for Tourism Western Australia officers to attend events sponsored by the agency (Eventscorp). It is not possible to provide a confirmed list of all employees who actually attend these events.

## TEACHERS — INTERSTATE APPLICATIONS

6365. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

I refer to the Western Australian College of Teaching (WACOT) Annual Report 2010–11, Pages 14–15, and I ask:

- (a) how many of the 3,476 new applications approved, shown on Page 14, were from fully qualified teachers from New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory;
- (b) how many such applications were approved for:
  - (i) 2009–10;
  - (ii) 2008–09;
- (c) are the 477 new memberships approved under Mutual Recognition for 2010–11, included in the 3,476 new memberships approved shown on Page 14;
- (d) if yes to (c), what is the breakdown of the 477 new Mutual Recognition memberships in terms of:
  - (i) Registered Teacher;
  - (ii) Provisionally Registered Teacher;
  - (iii) Limited Authority to Teach;
  - (iv) Associate Member;
- (e) has the Government taken any actions to arrange mutual recognition of New South Wales teachers accredited through the New South Wales Institute of Teachers and if not why not; and
- (f) if yes to (e) what actions have been taken and what are the results of those actions?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by WACOT as follows:

All information is for the 2010–11 financial year.

- (a) This information is not collected.
- (b)
  - (i) 3 818 new applications in total — New South Wales and ACT information is not collected.
  - (ii) 4 386 new applications in total — New South Wales and ACT information is not collected.
- (c) Yes.
- (d)
  - (i) 339 Registered Teachers.
  - (ii) 138 Provisionally Registered Teachers.
  - (iii)–(iv) None.
- (e) WACOT is an independent statutory authority and is not subject to Government direction. WACOT, nevertheless, provides for the qualifications of teachers from New South Wales to be recognised in Western Australia where teachers have recent and relevant teacher experience.
- (f) Not applicable.

## RESOURCES SECTOR — LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES

6458. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

- (1) Is the state government proposing to renegotiate those state agreements which exempt resource companies from paying local government rates?
- (2) Is yes, when?
- (3) If not, why not?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of State Development advises:

- (1)–(2) In 2009, the Government amended the Local Government Act 1995 to clarify the authority of the Minister of Local Government to apply Gross Rental Valuation to portions of land defined as relevant interests (mining and petroleum interests).

Over the past year, the Chamber of Minerals and Energy, the Association for Mining and Exploration Companies, the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Departments of State Development and Local Government have worked co-operatively to develop a policy for applying rates at Gross Rental Valuation to resource projects. They have proposed that, for a trial period of three years, rating based on Gross Rental Valuation will apply to specified structures on new resource projects, and will be extended to existing Agreement Act companies subject to agreement by the parties.

The proposed policy is currently with Government for consideration.

- (3) Not applicable.

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — LANGUAGE SERVICES POLICY

6469. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier; Minister for State Development

In relation to the Western Australian Languages Services Policy, launched by Premier Colin Barnett in 2008, which states that Government agencies are required to have policies for funding and delivering translating and interpreting services that take account of relevant Government policy, legal circumstances and the needs of potential and current clients, I ask:

- (a) what policies in each agency in the Premier's departments have been implemented, and when;
- (b) what funding and expenditure has been incurred since 2008 on translation and interpreting services by which agencies and to whom was the funding paid;
- (c) can the Premier please table all policies which have been produced and are readily available to agency staff and clients; and
- (d) in each agency, can the Premier please list which situations have been identified where interpreters and translators must, should or may be used?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

- (a) Nil
- (b) \$7,233
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Department of State Development:

- (a) Department of State Development has no published policy on the use of translating and interpreting services. The Department will use internal staff with foreign language skills to provide any translation or interpreting services required. On specific occasions involving senior overseas delegations, the Department may engage professional translation service providers.
- (b) Expenditure is limited to internal staff time only with professional translators engaged at hourly rates.
- (c) Department of State Development has no published translation and interpreting services policy.
- (d) Department of State Development uses interpreters and translators as required to assist in discussions between departmental staff and overseas clients, both in Australia and overseas.

Public Sector Commissioner:

- (a) Public Sector Commission contacts are predominately with public sector authorities and their employees who are proficient in English. Therefore the need for interpreters/translators is minimal. The Public Sector Commission uses the WA Language Services Policy 2008 as its guide.
- (b) Public Sector Commission has employed the following associations.

WA Deaf Society \$180 incl GST / Christy Joyce — Chinese translation \$10 incl GST / Translation House \$507.38 incl GST.

- (c) Public Sector Commission does not have a standalone policy as the WA Language Services Policy 2008 is used as a guide.
- (d) Public Sector Commission abides by the minimum standards for using interpreting and translating services as identified in the WA Language Services Policy 2008.

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal:

- (a)–(d) The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has not utilised translating or interpreting services since 2008 and in view of the Tribunal's clients, there is no foreseeable need to do so. The Tribunal has the capacity to access language services should the need arise.

Gold Corporation:

- (a) Gold Corporation does not use interpreting services as it has multicultural staff who can interpret when it is required. Very occasionally do we use translation services.
- (b) Our translation cost since 2008 is \$5,299.68 and no funding was provided.
- (c) Gold Corporation's policy is to translate all foreign language legal contracts.
- (d) Translators are only used for legal documents if in-house language skills are insufficient.

Lotterywest:

- (a) Lotterywest has not formally implemented the Western Australian Languages Services Policy to date but would arrange translation of documents or for interpreting services where appropriate.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — LANGUAGE SERVICES POLICY

6472. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

In relation to the Western Australian Languages Services Policy, launched by Premier Colin Barnett in 2008, which states that Government agencies are required to have policies for funding and delivering translating and interpreting services that take account of relevant Government policy, legal circumstances and the needs of potential and current clients, I ask:

- (a) what policies in each agency in the Minister's departments have been implemented, and when;
- (b) what funding and expenditure has been incurred since 2008 on translation and interpreting services by which agencies and to whom was the funding paid;
- (c) can the Minister please table all policies which have been produced and are readily available to agency staff and clients; and
- (d) in each agency, can the Minister please list which situations have been identified where interpreters and translators must, should or may be used?

Mr B.J. GRYLLES replied:

- (a)–(d) [See paper 4397.]

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — LANGUAGE SERVICES POLICY

6474. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education

In relation to the Western Australian Languages Services Policy, launched by Premier Colin Barnett in 2008, which states that Government agencies are required to have policies for funding and delivering translating and interpreting services that take account of relevant Government policy, legal circumstances and the needs of potential and current clients, I ask:

- (a) what policies in each agency in the Minister's departments have been implemented, and when;
- (b) what funding and expenditure has been incurred since 2008 on translation and interpreting services by which agencies and to whom was the funding paid;
- (c) can the Minister please table all policies which have been produced and are readily available to agency staff and clients; and
- (d) in each agency, can the Minister please list which situations have been identified where interpreters and translators must, should or may be used?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

It is assumed that the Member is seeking information with regard to the Departments within the Education portfolio and I am advised by the Department of Education and Department of Education Services as follows:

## Department of Education

- (a) The Department of Education adheres to the Western Australian Language Services Policy. All Department sites have had free access to translating and interpreting services for the past 20 years.
- (b) 2007/08 — \$182 936.75  
2008/09 — \$143 602.53  
2009/10 — \$255 316.37  
2010/11 — \$231 998.51  
The funding was paid to ONCALL Language Services Pty Ltd.
- (c) The policy referred to is available on line from [http://www.omi.wa.gov.au/omi\\_language.cfm](http://www.omi.wa.gov.au/omi_language.cfm)
- (d) The Department of Education recommends the use of translating and interpreting services when dealing with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) clients, students, parents, caregivers, guardians.

## Department of Education Services

- (a) The Department of Education Services is guided by and relies upon the Government's principles and minimum standards policy as outlined in the WA Language Services Policy 2008 produced by the Office of Multicultural Interests.
- (b) Nil. There has been no demand for such services. However, such services will be made available as and when required.
- (c) The policy referred to is available on line from [http://www.omi.wa.gov.au/omi\\_language.cfm](http://www.omi.wa.gov.au/omi_language.cfm)
- (d) When international students who may contact the Department require these services.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES —  
ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS FUND MANAGEMENT

6542. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

I refer to the employment or engagement of officers associated with the monitoring, development or administration of Royalties for Regions funds within agencies within the Premier's portfolio of responsibilities, and I ask:

- (a) since 23 September 2008 has any agency within the Premier's portfolio of responsibilities employed an officer with responsibilities in relation to the Government's Royalties for Regions programme;
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the name of the agency;
- (c) if yes to (a), how many officers;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the title of each of the officers; and
- (e) if yes to (a), what is the level and salary of each of the officers?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises, including for Ministerial Offices, between 23 September 2008 and 1 November 2011:

- (a) Yes
- (b) Office of Hon BJ Grylls MLA, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- (c) Eight officers with responsibilities that include aspects of the Royalties for Regions programme.
- (d) Chief of Staff, CL2.1  
Principal Policy Adviser, Level 9.3  
Principal Policy Adviser, Level 9.1  
Two Principal Policy Advisers, Level 8.1  
Principal Policy Adviser, Level 7.3  
Principal Policy Adviser, Level 7.1  
Senior Media Adviser, Level SMA2.1

Public Sector Commissioner; Salaries and Allowances Tribunal; Department of State Development; Gold Corporation; Lotterywest:

- (a) No
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES —  
ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS FUND MANAGEMENT

6546. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

I refer to the employment or engagement of officers associated with the monitoring, development or administration of Royalties for Regions funds within agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities, and I ask:

- (a) since 23 September 2008 has any agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities employed an officer with responsibilities in relation to the Government's Royalties for Regions programme;
- (b) if yes to (a), what is the name of the agency;
- (c) if yes to (a), how many officers;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the title of each of the officers; and
- (e) if yes to (a), what is the level and salary of each of the officers?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

Department of Education

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Department of Education
- (c) There are currently 3.3 FTE officers in the Facilities Program Delivery Directorate who have specific responsibility for projects funded under the Royalties for Regions 'Headworks and Infrastructure' fund. Since 25 July 2011, there are also 4.6 FTE officers in the Regional Development Branch who, unlike those in the Facilities Program Delivery Directorate, have a range of duties including some tasks related to Royalties for Regions.
- (d)–(e)

Title	Level	Salary (\$)
<b>Facilities Services Delivery</b>		
Principal Consultant	7	105 947
Principal Consultant (0.3 FTE)	7	31 784
Senior Project Officer	6	93 633
Senior Project Officer	6	93 633
<b>Regional Development</b>		
Manager	8	121 485
Principal Consultant (0.6 FTE)	7	63 568
Senior Project Officer	6	93 633
Finance and Administrative Officer	5	80 803
Administrative Assistant	2	54 900

Country High School Hostels Authority

- (a) No.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Public Education Endowment Trust

- (a) No.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Curriculum Council of WA

- (a) Nil
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

Department of Education Services

- (a) No.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable.

## SCHOOLS — BEHAVIOUR CENTRES

6569. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

- (1) How many Behaviour Centres are there in Western Australia and for each:
  - (a) what is the name of the Centre;
  - (b) is the Centre located within a Secondary or Primary School and if so, what school; and
  - (c) for those Centres not located on the site of an existing Primary or Secondary school, what is its location?
- (2) For each Behaviour Centre listed in (1):
  - (a) when was the Behaviour Centre established;
  - (b) does the administration structure include a Principal and if so, what is the level of the Principal;
  - (c) how many FTE teachers and headcount of teachers are employed;
  - (d) how many FTE teacher assistants and headcount of teacher assistants are employed;
  - (e) how many other staff (FTE and headcount) are employed and what is the job title for each of these extra staff;
  - (f) how many students are enrolled in the Behaviour Centre;
  - (g) what is the total annual operating budget for the Behaviour Centre; and
  - (h) does the figure given in (g) include the cost of employing all staff, and if not, what is the total cost of employing all staff at the Centre?
- (3) What staffing criteria or formula is used for Behaviour Centres to determine:
  - (a) the number of teachers employed;
  - (b) the number of teacher assistants employed; and
  - (c) the number of other staff employed?
- (4) Who has line management responsibility for Behaviour Centres?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

[See paper 4382.]

## YALE PRIMARY SCHOOL — CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES

6582. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Education

When will the Department of Education provide the resources to resolve the following capital and maintenance issues at Yale Primary School:

- (a) pre-primary stairs in play area that need replacement;
- (b) numerous roof leaks throughout school;
- (c) fitting of guttering to gardener's shed;
- (d) new carpet for C Block;
- (e) re-marking and expansion of staff car park;
- (f) external painting disrepair; and
- (g) sections of paving that need repair?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the Department of Education as follows:

Almost \$400 000 of State Funding has been spent maintaining and improving Yale Primary School over the last three and half years, including almost \$290 000 on faults, over \$27 000 on routine maintenance and \$18 500 installing a transportable classroom. A further \$38 313 was provided through the Federal National Solar Schools program and \$52 368 through the Federal Investing in our Schools program.

Major works include replacement of carpet and vinyl in 2010/2011 at a cost of over \$55 000.

Maintenance spending for 2009, 2010 and 2011 is as follows:

2009 — \$77 902

2010 — \$96 994  
2011 — \$173 255

- (a)–(g) Funding is provided as and when required to address urgent maintenance and minor works such as faults, occupational safety and health matters, routine maintenance and universal access works.

Restoration maintenance is prioritised and addressed as funding allows. Examples of restoration maintenance include carpet replacement, re-sealing hard play areas and painting. Schools also receive funding within the School Grant to undertake minor works considered a priority by the school.

**SOUTH THORNLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL — CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

6583. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Education

When will the Department of Education provide the resources to resolve the following capital and maintenance issues at South Thornlie Primary School:

- (a) eaves replacement;
- (b) fitting of shade sails for play equipment;
- (c) major guttering renewal;
- (d) tiling repair; and
- (e) external painting disrepair?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the Department of Education as follows:

Over \$265 000 of State funding has been spent on maintenance and improvements at South Thornlie Primary School over the last three and a half years, including over \$160 000 on faults and \$33 000 on routine maintenance. A further \$50 000 was provided through the Federal National Solar Schools program.

Major works undertaken include replacement of gas heaters at a cost of almost \$64 000, a new irrigation pump and control cubicle costing almost \$18 000 and relocation of a new transportable classroom to the school.

Maintenance spending for 2009, 2010 and 2011 is as follows:

2009 — \$57 317  
2010 — \$133 999  
2011 — \$53 312

- (a),(c),(d) and (e)

Funding is provided to address urgent maintenance and minor works such as faults, occupational safety and health matters, routine maintenance and universal access works, as needed. Restoration maintenance is prioritised and addressed as funding allows.

- (b) Shade sails are not provided to schools by the Department of Education due to their vulnerability to wilful damage. Schools may choose to install shade sails but their purchase, installation and ongoing maintenance are the responsibility of the school.

**THORNLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL — CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

6584. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Education

When will the Department of Education provide the resources to resolve the following capital and maintenance issues at Thornlie Primary School:

- (a) the renewal of the boys' toilets;
- (b) the provision of boundary fencing for the school;
- (c) the provision of security mesh on all the classroom windows;
- (d) the reticulation of the school oval;
- (e) the upgrade of the front office space;
- (f) the installation of disabled access to the front main office area;
- (g) the provision of adequate parking facilities for both staff and visitors; and
- (h) a safe and secure pick up and put down area for the pre-primary and kindergarten students?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the Department of Education as follows:

Over the last three and a half years over \$800 000 of State funding has been spent on maintenance and improvements at Thornlie Primary School including over \$433 000 installing new transportable classrooms, over \$233 000 on faults, over \$60 000 on general restoration, almost \$27 500 on routine maintenance and almost \$48 000 on minor improvements.

Major works include repairs to the quadrangle, playing surface and paving, resurfacing of pre-primary and dental therapy car parks, new reticulation bore and associated electrics, and repairs to security lighting.

Maintenance spending for 2009, 2010 and 2011 is as follows:

2009 — \$298 062  
 2010 — \$197 542  
 2011 — \$242 739

- (a) The toilet upgrade to improve staff and student toilet facilities, was completed on 3 February 2012.
- (b) The Department of Education provided fencing in 2007-2008 between buildings at Thornlie Primary School to secure the internal courtyard. The fencing was extended to include the new library and covered assembly facilities provided through the Building the Education Revolution program.  
 The “perimeter security fencing program” is available and funded from the Department of Education’s building maintenance program and specifically targets schools with the highest levels of wilful damage.  
 To date Thornlie Primary School has not submitted an application for perimeter security fencing. The school may submit an application by contacting the Strategic Maintenance Consultant in Strategic Asset Planning Branch of the Department of Education.
- (c) Schools are resourced through their School Grant for the provision of Minor Works funds. These funds can be used by the school for minor improvements such as the installation of security screens.
- (d) There are no known capital and maintenance issues with regard to the reticulation of the school oval.
- (e) Schools are able to apply for administration upgrades through their Regional Education Offices for consideration for funding from the Department’s Capital Works Sub Programs.  
 No request has been made by the school.
- (f) An officer from the Department visited the school to investigate this matter and has arranged for an ACROD parking bay and ramp to be installed to access the administration block. It is anticipated the works will be completed by April 2012.
- (g)–(h) The Department has discussed this issue with the principal who has indicated that there is adequate parking within and on road verges surrounding the school and that it is being managed at the local level.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — ANNUAL SALARY ASSUMPTIONS

6599. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

- (1) For the purposes of preparing the State Budget, what does the Department of Education assume to be the annual cost of:
  - (a) one FTE teacher at each salary level;
  - (b) one FTE Principal at each salary level;
  - (c) one FTE Deputy Principal at each salary level;
  - (d) one FTE Teacher Assistant at each salary level;
  - (e) one FTE school cleaner at each salary level;
  - (f) one FTE school gardener at each salary level;
  - (g) one FTE school Registrar at each salary level;
  - (h) one FTE school clerical assistant at each salary level;
  - (i) contracting from the Department of Education to the Department of Health for one FTE school nurse;
  - (j) contracting from the Department of Education to the relevant agency for one FTE occupational therapist to work in schools;
  - (k) contracting from the Department of Education to the relevant agency for one FTE speech therapist to work in schools; and
  - (l) contracting from the Department of Education to the relevant agency for one FTE physiotherapist to work in schools?

- (2) What was the budgetary assumption for each of (1) (a) to (l) for:
- (a) the 2008–2009 Budget;
  - (b) the 2009–2010 Budget;
  - (c) the 2010–2011 Budget; and
  - (d) the 2011–2012 Budget?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the Department of Education as follows:

- (1) (a)–(h) The Department of Education does not use a methodology based on the annual average FTE cost for each employment category when it calculates the Employee Benefits component of the State Budget Papers.
- (i) The Department of Education has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Health for the provision of School Nurses. Indexed lump sums payments are made to Health twice a year to pay for this service. The MOU does not refer to a rate per school nurse.
- (j) There is no centralised agreement for contracting of occupational therapists to work in schools.
- (k) There is no centralised agreement for contracting of speech therapists to work in schools.
- (l) There is no centralised agreement for contracting of physiotherapists to work in schools.
- (2) (a)–(d) Refer to response (1)(a)(h).

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — DIRECTOR GENERAL AND CEO POSITIONS

6602. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For each Department and Agency under the Premier's control;

- (a) how many Director General and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) positions are under the control of the Premier, and for what departments and agencies;
- (b) of those positions, please name the Director General or CEO, date their contract commenced, date it is set to expire, and salary classification;
- (c) of those Director General and CEO positions, how many are occupied in an acting position, and of which departments and agencies; and
- (d) what is the length of time each position has had an occupant in an acting position?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Public Sector Commissioner advises:

- (a)–(d) [See paper 4386.]

Gold Corporation advises:

- (a) One position — the Chief Executive Officer of Gold Corporation is under the control of the Premier.
- (b) Name of CEO: Miroslaw Edward Harbuz  
Date of commencement: 1 July 2003  
Term: Indefinite  
Salary Classification: Hay Grade 25
- (c) None
- (d) Not applicable

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — INSURANCE CLAIMS THROUGH RISKCOVER

6619. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

- (1) What was the total number of insurance claims made through RiskCover by the Premier's ministerial office since 1 August 2010 to date?
- (2) What was the category under which each claim fell, including:
- (a) motor vehicles;
  - (b) property;
  - (c) business interruption;

- (d) workers' compensation;
  - (e) liability; and
  - (f) miscellaneous?
- (3) What were the circumstances surrounding each individual claim?
- (4) For each claim listed, what cost was attached?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises for the Office of the Premier for the period 1 August 2010 to 1 November 2011:

- (1) Four
- (2) (a) Four
- (2) (b)–(f) Nil
- (3)–(4) Vehicle damage: \$90, no cost, no cost; \$4,091

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — INSURANCE CLAIMS THROUGH RISKCOVER

6625. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

- (1) What was the total number of insurance claims made through RiskCover by the Minister's ministerial office since 1 August 2010 to date?
- (2) What was the category under which each claim fell, including:
  - (a) motor vehicles;
  - (b) property;
  - (c) business interruption;
  - (d) workers' compensation;
  - (e) liability; and
  - (f) miscellaneous?
- (3) What were the circumstances surrounding each individual claim?
- (4) For each claim listed, what cost was attached?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1) 3
- (2) (a) 3
- (2) (b)–(f) Nil
- (3) Vehicle Damage
- (4) Vehicle: \$315; \$1,743; one unfinalised

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — ASSAULT REPORTS BY STAFF

6636. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For each department and agency within the Premier's portfolios, I ask:

- (a) how many incidents of assault have been reported by staff in:
  - (i) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;
- (b) can the Premier please list the relevant department or agency, date of assault, male/female victim, male/female perpetrator;
- (c) how many incidents of assault were reported to Western Australia Police; and
- (d) how many convictions resulted from reported assaults?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise:

Public Sector Commissioner; Department of the Premier and Cabinet; Salaries and Allowances Tribunal; Lotterywest; Department of State Development; Gold Corporation:

- (a) None
- (b)–(d) Not applicable

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — ASSAULT REPORTS BY STAFF

6641. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education

For each department and agency within the Minister's portfolios, I ask:

- (a) how many incidents of assault have been reported by staff in:
  - (i) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;
- (b) can the Minister please list the relevant department or agency, date of assault, male/female victim, male/female perpetrator;
- (c) how many incidents of assault were reported to Western Australia Police; and
- (d) how many convictions resulted from reported assaults?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the agencies listed below as follows:

## Department of Education

- (a) (i) 450. Note that the data does not distinguish degrees of severity of assault. Assault includes pinching through to, and including, being struck with a weapon. Many incidents reported as "assaults" are at the lower end of the scale of violence. What is reported through the online incident notification system and the category it is reported under is at the discretion of the principal.
- (b) In the timeframe provided it is not possible to disaggregate the information requested. It would require a significant diversion of resources in order to obtain the level of detail requested.
- (c) 73.
- (d) This data can only be provided by WA Police.

## Country High School Hostels Authority

- (a) (i) One.
- (b) Country High School Hostels Authority  
1 April 2011  
Female victim  
Female perpetrator
- (c) One.
- (d) This data can only be provided by WA Police.

## Public Education Endowment Trust

- (a) (i) Nil.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.

## Curriculum Council of WA

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.

## Department of Education Services

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES

6653. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For each department and agency within the Premier's portfolios, since 23 March 2011, can the Premier please outline:

- (a) what are the names, titles and levels of senior executives who have taken voluntary redundancies;
- (b) have these positions been re-filled, either in an acting or substantive way; and
  - (i) if so, which ones;
- (c) for each of the voluntary redundancies:
  - (i) what was the total cost of these voluntary redundancies;

- (ii) what were the conditions of payment for the senior executives to receive the voluntary redundancies; and
- (iii) will the Premier table a copy of the conditions; and
  - (A) if not, why not?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise, for the timeframe 23 March 2011 – 1 November 2011:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet, including all Ministerial Offices, advises for the period 23 March to 1 November 2011 there were two senior executives who took a voluntary redundancy:

(a)–(c) Debra Fletcher, Director, Level 9

Position not re-filled

\$152,944

Conditions: Cease employment on 11 July 2011. Section 59(4) of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 requires that if a person who receives a compensation payment is subsequently employed or engaged in the public sector before the expiry of the period equivalent to the payment, the person must refund an amount equivalent to the compensation proportional to the unexpired period for which they received compensation.

Michael Megaw, Chief of Staff, Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Level 9

Position has been re-filled

\$61,031

Conditions: According to clause 7.3 of his employment contract, should the employee be appointed or employed as an employee in the Western Australian Public Service or engaged under section 100 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 during the period of 26 weeks following the date upon which this employment is terminated, the employee will be liable to repay the State that part of the compensation paid under this clause calculated in accordance with the formula stipulated in his contract.

Public Sector Commissioner:

(a)–(b) There were two (2) compensation payments accepted by senior executive officers in accordance with section 59 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 for the period 23 March 2011 to 1 November 2011 table 1. [See paper 4387.]

(c) (i) \$514,420 — table 2 refers [See paper 4387.]

(ii) Section 59(4) of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 requires that if a person who receives a compensation payment is subsequently employed or engaged in the public sector before the expiry of the period equivalent to the payment amount, the person must refund an amount equivalent to the compensation proportional to the unexpired period for which they received compensation.

Attachment to parts (a)–(b) details the compensation period for each person who accepted a compensation payment under section 59 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994.

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal; Lotterywest; Department of State Development;

Gold Corporation:

(a) Nil

(b)–(c) Not applicable

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

6670. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

- (1) How many websites are maintained for each office or any government department, agency or publicly-owned corporation under each of the Premier's portfolios?
- (2) How many new websites are set to be created for new portfolio areas and associated new departments, agencies or publicly-owned corporations?
- (3) As at 1 November 2011, what is the global budget allocation for each website?
- (4) What government departments, agencies or publicly-owned corporations under the control of the Premier have requested website funding increases at any time since 23 September 2008?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

- (1)–(4) As part of the development of the State Government's Website Governance Framework, agencies report annually the status of websites to the Public Sector Commissioner. I refer the Leader of the Opposition to the State of the Sector report tabled in Parliament recently, also available at [www.psc.wa.gov.au](http://www.psc.wa.gov.au).

If the Leader of the Opposition has a specific question relating to a specific website, he is welcome to put it on notice.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES —  
EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

6687. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

I refer the Premier to each department and agency under the Premier's control, including his office, and ask:

- (a) what is the total number of employees engaged in media, communications, marketing, or speechwriting, including:
- (i) public;
  - (ii) corporate; and
  - (iii) media relations; and
- (b) what is the salary band for each of these employees;
- (c) what is the job title for each of these employees;
- (d) what entitlements do these employees receive (such as phone and vehicle entitlements); and
- (e) for each employee please provide an itemised breakdown for:
- (i) phone entitlements; and
  - (ii) vehicle entitlements?

Hon C.J. Barnett replied:

Office of the Premier:

The Member is referred to the Ministerial Resourcing Report tabled in the House on Thursday, 10 November 2011 (tabled paper no 4205).

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise as at 1 November 2011:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

- (a) (i)–(iii) 3
- (b)–(e) [See paper 4388.]

Public Sector Commissioner:

- (a) (i)–(iii) Six employees (five FTE)
- (b)–(c) (1) Project Support Officer: PSGOGA Level 2 (0.5 FTE) – \$50,557 to \$54,900  
(2) Information Officer: PSGOGA Level 3 – \$58,010 to \$62,984  
(3) Web Administrator: PSGOGA Level 4 (0.5 FTE) – \$65,320 to \$69,033  
(4) Web Content Coordinator: PSGOGA Level 5 – \$72,663 to \$80,308  
(5) Senior Communications Officer: PSGOGA Level 6 – \$84,557 to \$93,633  
(6) Manager Corporate Communications and Marketing PSGOGA Level 8 — \$112,180 — \$121,845
- (d)–(e) Manager only has a mobile phone provided.

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal:

- (a)–(e) The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal does not have staff dedicated to dealing with media, communications, marketing or speech writing. From time to time, the Tribunal's Executive Officer prepares media statements for the Tribunal as part of his duties.

Department of State Development:

- (a) Two
- (b) PS & GOGA Level 6 — \$84,557–\$93,633  
PS & GOGA Level 6 — \$84,557–\$93,633
- (c) Coordinator, Communications and Media  
Publications and Marketing Coordinator

- (d) Coordinator, Communications and Media — mobile phone  
Publications and Marketing Coordinator — mobile phone
- (e) (i) Coordinator, Communications and Media — business and after hours calls  
Publications and Marketing Coordinator — business and after hours calls
- (ii) Not applicable

Gold Corporation:

- (a) 13
- (b)–(c) Sales and Marketing Director \$190,000 – \$230,000  
Wholesale Manager \$130,000 – \$150,000  
E Business Manager \$110,000 – \$130,000  
Public Relations Manager \$80,000 – \$100,000  
Australian Wholesale Manager \$70,000 – \$90,000  
Retail Sales Manager \$80,000 – \$100,000  
Digital Marketer \$70,000 – \$80,000  
Copywriter \$60,000 – \$80,000  
International Sales Executive \$55,000 – \$70,000  
E Business Co-ordinator \$60,000 – \$70,000  
Marketing Co-ordinator \$55,000 – \$65,000  
Events & Promotions Co-ordinator \$50,000 – \$60,000  
Marketing Assistant \$50,000 – \$60,000
- (d)–(e) No vehicle entitlements for any employee. Company mobiles are provided for the Sales and Marketing Director and Wholesale Manager.

Lotterywest:

- (a) 12
- (b)–(e) [See paper 4388.]

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — ANNUAL REPORT COSTS

6704. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For each annual report produced by agencies under control of the Premier for the financial year 2010–2011, can the Premier please provide:

- (a) production costs; and
- (b) distribution costs?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

(a)–(b) \$20,562.

Public Sector Commissioner:

(a)–(b) Annual Report cost: \$22,376.30

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal:

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal does not produce an annual report, therefore the response is not applicable.

Department of State Development:

(a)–(b) The cost of producing and distributing the Department of State Development's 2010/11 Annual Report was \$12,434.

Gold Corporation:

- (a) The production cost is \$5,500 which includes the concept development, design, layout by an advertising agency.
- (b) Copies were printed internally mainly for the Premier's office and they were couriered; the cost of courier is very minimal.

Lotterywest:

(a)–(b) 2010/11 Annual Report cost summary as follows:

Design/layout  
 Initial concepts \$1,440.00  
 Layout and finished artwork \$8,325.00  
 Client amendments to artwork \$2,610.00  
 Technical preparation for printing \$360.00  
 Print Management  
 Digital runs \$160.00  
 Offset run \$480.00  
 Printing  
 Digital (1 run of 10, 1 run of 20 total: 30 copies) \$2,211.00  
 Offset (500 copies) \$12,870.00  
 Mailing  
 Nominal cost / mainly despatched through retail network.  
 Total cost: \$28,456.00 plus GST \$31,301.60

2010/11 Annual Report Digital version cost summary:  
 Preparation of digital version including client amendments.  
 Total cost: \$720.00 plus GST \$792.00

2010/11 Annual Report Postcard cost summary:  
 Design/layout  
 Design, finished artwork and client amendments \$630.00  
 Print Management  
 Digital run \$160.00  
 Printing/Mailing  
 Digital printing (100 copies) \$176.00  
 Mailing \$146.25

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — ANNUAL REPORT COSTS

6709. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education

For each annual report produced by agencies under control of the Minister for the financial year 2010–2011, can the Minister please provide:

- (a) production costs; and
- (b) distribution costs?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The Public Sector Commissioner provided new guidelines for estimating costs of Annual Reports for the 2010–11 reporting year. The costs below have been prepared using these guidelines. The new guidelines do not include the costs of preparing the Financial Statements and Key Performance Indicators.

Department of Education

- (a) \$91 300.
- (b) Nil.

Country High School Hostels Authority

- (a) \$919 (For 100 Copies).
- (b) Nil.

Public Education Endowment Trust

- (a) \$2 710.
- (b) Nil.

Department of Education Services

- (a) \$33 810.
- (b) \$18.21 for postal and courier costs (for 13 hard copies for mandatory tabling in Parliament and deposition to the State and National Libraries).

Curriculum Council of WA

- (a) \$11 836.
- (b) Nil.

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — ANNUAL REPORT COSTS

6710. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

For each annual report produced by agencies under control of the Minister for the financial year 2010–2011, can the Minister please provide:

- (a) production costs; and
- (b) distribution costs?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Department of Commerce

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Department of Commerce Annual Report 2010–11 was \$34,293. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources (excluding the cost of ongoing financial, accounting and administrative functions). In addition, the cost included the associated expenditure of including the four Boards' Final Reports as addendums to the department's annual report.

## REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS AGENTS SUPERVISORY BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Real Estate and Business Agents Supervisory Board Final Report 2010–11 was \$3,059. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

## SETTLEMENT AGENTS SUPERVISORY BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Settlement Agents Supervisory Board Final Report 2010–11 was \$2,962. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

## LAND VALUERS LICENSING BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Land Valuers Licensing Board Annual Report 2010–11 was \$1,437. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

## MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Motor Vehicle Industry Board Annual Report 2010–11 was \$1,908. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

## COMMISSION FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Commission for Occupational Safety and Health Annual Report 2010–11 was \$528. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

Department of Finance

The Department of Finance was created on 1 July 2011 and therefore its first report will be for the 2011–12 financial year. However, the Department also produces the annual report for the State Supply Commission with production and distribution costs as follows:

- (a) \$5,000
- (b) Nil

Small Business Development Corporation

- (a) The cost for the Small Business Development Corporation's Annual Report for the financial year 2010/11 was \$17,234. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time, postage and design.
- (b) Approximately \$15 postage cost

Department of the Registrar, Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission

- (a) \$4,682.40
- (b) Nil

WorkCover WA

- (a) \$11,445
- (b) \$148

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES —  
 ATTRACTION AND RETENTION ALLOWANCES

6721. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For 1 September 2010 to date can the Premier please provide:

- (a) for all departments and agencies under the Premier's control, including the ministerial office, the names of people (for example, staff and consultants) and their salary level, who have been paid an attraction and/or retention allowance; and
- (b) the total amount paid to the person as the attraction and/or retention allowance?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise, for the timeframe 1 September 2010 – 1 November 2011:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet including the Premier's Office:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Not applicable

Public Sector Commissioner; Salaries and Allowances Tribunal; Gold Corporation:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Not applicable

Department of State Development:

- (a)–(b) Mr Giles Nunis, Class 3 \$103,176.61  
 Mr Bin Zhuang, Level 8, 3rd year \$21,291.40

Lotterywest:

- (a) Dr Don Wharton, Level 9
- (b) \$27,920

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — VEHICLE CLEANING

6738. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For each department and agency within the Premier's portfolios, since 10 March 2011:

- (a) how many vehicles are allocated to the department or agency;
- (b) what washing arrangements are provided for each vehicle;
- (c) if any vehicle is commercially cleaned, please advise:
  - (i) the cost breakdown for each vehicle and cleaning bill;
  - (ii) how often each vehicle is booked in to be commercially cleaned;
  - (iii) the address where the vehicle is cleaned; and
  - (iv) whether vehicles are cleaned during office hours;
- (d) what detailing arrangements are provided for each vehicle;
- (e) if any vehicle is commercially detailed, please advise:
  - (i) the cost breakdown for each vehicle and cleaning bill;
  - (ii) how often each vehicle is booked in to be commercially cleaned;
  - (iii) the address where the vehicle is cleaned; and
  - (iv) whether vehicles are detailed during office hours; and
- (f) can the Premier please provide a subtotal of a vehicle's cleaning costs for each department or agency?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise for the timeframe 10 March 2011 – 1 November 2011;

Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

- (a) As at 1 November 2011, 148 vehicles were allocated to the Department, including Ministerial, operational and vehicles provided to Members of Parliament.

- (b)–(e) Minister’s vehicles and the Leader of the Opposition’s vehicle are routinely cleaned and detailed by employees from the Executive Transport Services Branch as part of their duties. Responsibility for maintenance of the remaining vehicles in the Department’s vehicle fleet lies with the individual vehicle custodian. This includes responsibility to keep the vehicle clean and in a roadworthy state. Services are available to vehicle custodians through fleet fuel card arrangements at selected car wash facilities. Responsibility for maintaining vehicles provided to members of parliament lies with individual members with costs met through fleet fuel card arrangements or by individuals.

Government Garage at Dumas House is used to clean Minister’s vehicles. Other vehicles are cleaned at facilities authorised under fleet fuel card arrangements.

Minister’s vehicles and the Leader of the Opposition’s vehicle are routinely cleaned and detailed by employees from the Executive Transport Services Branch as part of their duties.

- (f) \$7,527.96.

Public Sector Commissioner:

- (a) 15
- (b) Fuel card. The Executive Transport Services Branch washes and cleans the Public Sector Commissioner’s car on an ad hoc basis at no cost to the Commission.
- (c)–(e) Nil
- (f) \$159.00

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal:

- (a) One
- (b) Exterior washing at service stations included with petrol card provided under lease arrangements. Interior cleaning undertaken by driver.
- (c)–(e) No commercial cleaning undertaken.
- (f) No breakdown of costs available.

Department of State Development:

- (a) Department of State Development has 23 vehicles in the metropolitan fleet and 5 vehicles located at overseas offices.
- (b) The Metropolitan fleet drivers have, as an option, the use of a BP carwash facility. Overseas fleet drivers use local carwash facilities.
- (c)–(f) Not applicable

Gold Corporation:

- (a) 3 vehicles; 1 utility vehicle for carrying goods and 2 cars for staff travel between the mint and refinery.
- (b)–(c) Washing is done internally.
- (d)–(f) Not applicable

Lotterywest:

- (a) 24
- (b) All vehicles are kept clean and tidy by officers who have been assigned to the vehicle. When appropriate, car wash services are procured to clean a vehicle using the Fleet fuel card.
- (c) With the exception of (b) above none.
- (d)–(e) None
- (f) Not applicable

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — VEHICLE CLEANING

6743. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education

For each department and agency within the Minister’s portfolios, since 10 March 2011:

- (a) how many vehicles are allocated to the department or agency;
- (b) what washing arrangements are provided for each vehicle;
- (c) if any vehicle is commercially cleaned, please advise:

- (i) the cost breakdown for each vehicle and cleaning bill;
- (ii) how often each vehicle is booked in to be commercially cleaned;
- (iii) the address where the vehicle is cleaned; and
- (iv) whether vehicles are cleaned during office hours;
- (d) what detailing arrangements are provided for each vehicle;
- (e) if any vehicle is commercially detailed, please advise:
  - (i) the cost breakdown for each vehicle and cleaning bill;
  - (ii) how often each vehicle is booked in to be commercially cleaned;
  - (iii) the address where the vehicle is cleaned; and
  - (iv) whether vehicles are detailed during office hours; and
- (f) can the Minister please provide a subtotal of a vehicle's cleaning costs for each department or agency?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

#### Department of Education

- (a) As at 1 November 2011, 674 vehicles were allocated to the Department of Education.
- (b) Some operational vehicles have car wash access on fuel cards whilst others are washed at Central Office, 151 Royal Street, East Perth. No Senior Officer Vehicle Scheme vehicles are washed. This is the responsibility of the officer.
- (c)
  - (i) [See paper 4383.] for washing and cleaning costs.
  - (ii) Central Office pool vehicles are washed weekly. Outstation vehicles that have car wash access on fuel cards are cleaned as required.
  - (iii) Central Office pool vehicles are washed at Central Office, 151 Royal Street, East Perth; and outstation vehicles can be washed at various locations.
  - (iv) Vehicles may be washed during office hours if not in use.
- (d)–(e) Vehicles are not detailed. However, remote area vehicles are commercially cleaned externally and internally as the interiors become heavily soiled due to the environment in which they operate. These items are included in (c)(i) above.
- (f) Refer to tabled paper. [See paper 4383.]

#### Country High School Hostels Authority

- (a) As at 1 November 2011, two vehicles were allocated to the Country High School Hostels Authority.
- (b) Vehicle 1: driver washes vehicle (car wash option on fuel card)  
Vehicle 2: driver washes vehicle (no car wash option on fuel card)
- (c) Not applicable. No vehicles commercially cleaned.
- (d) None.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Nil.

#### Public Education Endowment Trust

- (a) No vehicles were allocated to the Public Education Endowment Trust
- (b)–(f) Not applicable.

#### Curriculum Council of WA

- (a) As at 1 November 2011, 12 vehicles are allocated to Curriculum Council
- (b) Garaging officers are required to clean vehicles.
- (c) No vehicles commercially cleaned during this period.
- (d)–(f) Not applicable.

#### Department of Education Services

- (a) As at 1 November 2011, nine vehicles were allocated to the Department of Education Services.
- (b) Five vehicles are allocated a car wash option on the fuel card. Four vehicles are washed by their drivers at their own expense.

- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) None.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Of the five vehicles allocated a car wash option, three had costs as follows:
  - Vehicle 1 — \$75.00
  - Vehicle 2 — \$18.00
  - Vehicle 3 — \$10.00
  - Vehicle 4 — Nil
  - Vehicle 5 — Nil
  - Total \$103.00

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — 2009–10 ANNUAL REPORTS COST

6755. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For each annual report produced by agencies under control of the Premier for the financial year 2009–2010, can the Premier please provide:

- (a) production costs; and
- (b) distributing costs?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

(a)–(b) \$18,130.

Public Sector Commissioner:

(a)–(b) Public Sector Commission Annual Report cost: \$14,961.58

(a)–(b) Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner Annual Report cost: \$7,423.70

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal:

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal does not produce an annual report, therefore the response is not applicable.

Department of State Development:

(a)–(b) The cost of producing and distributing the Department of State Development's 2009/10 Annual Report was \$13,358.

Gold Corporation:

- (a) Production cost is \$5,500 which includes the concept development, design and layout.
- (b) The annual reports were printed internally and the only cost was the courier to the Premier's office which was very insignificant.

Lotterywest:

(a)–(b) 2009/10 Annual Report cost summary is as follows:

- Design/layout
- Initial concepts \$1,080.00
- Layout and finished artwork \$8,100.00
- Client amendments to artwork \$2,250.00
- Technical preparation for printing \$360.00
- Print Management
- Digital runs \$160.00
- Offset run \$480.00
- Printing
- Digital (2 runs of 20, total: 40 copies) \$2,080.00
- Offset (1,000 copies) \$13,560.00
- Mailing
- Nominal cost / mainly despatched through retail network.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — 2009–10 ANNUAL REPORTS COST

6760. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education

For each annual report produced by agencies under control of the Minister for the financial year 2009–2010, can the Minister please provide:

- (a) production costs; and
- (b) distributing costs?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The Public Sector Commissioner provided new guidelines for estimating costs of Annual Reports for the 2010–11 reporting year. The costs below have been prepared using these guidelines. The new guidelines do not include the costs of preparing the Financial Statements and Key Performance Indicators.

Department of Education

- (a) \$77 500.
- (b) Nil.

Country High School Hostels Authority

- (a) \$582 (For 50 copies).
- (b) Nil.

Public Education Endowment Trust

- (a) \$506.
- (b) Nil.

Curriculum Council of WA

- (a) \$10 775.
- (b) Nil.

Department of Education Services

- (a) \$28,889.
- (b) Estimated \$18.21 for postal and courier costs (for 13 hard copies for mandatory tabling in Parliament and deposition to the State and National Libraries). The estimate is the same as the 2010–11 cost because postal and courier records for the same time in 2010 are no longer readily available.

#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — 2009–10 ANNUAL REPORTS COST

6761. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

For each annual report produced by agencies under control of the Minister for the financial year 2009–2010, can the Minister please provide:

- (a) production costs; and
- (b) distributing costs?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Department of Commerce

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Department of Commerce Annual Report 2009–10 was \$22,419. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources (excluding the cost of ongoing financial, accounting and administrative functions).

#### REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS AGENTS SUPERVISORY BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Real Estate and Business Agents Supervisory Board Report 2009–10 was \$8,413. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources and consultants.

#### SETTLEMENT AGENTS SUPERVISORY BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Settlement Agents Supervisory Board Report 2009–10 was \$8,236. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources and consultants.

#### LAND VALUERS LICENSING BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Land Valuers Licensing Board Annual Report 2009–10 was \$1,437. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY BOARD

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Motor Vehicle Industry Board Annual Report 2009–10 was \$2,895. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

## COMMISSION FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

- (a)–(b) The cost of the production and distribution of the Commission for Occupational Safety and Health Annual Report 2009–10 was \$561. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time and the use of internal resources.

## Department of Finance

The Department of Finance was created on 1 July 2011 and therefore its first report will be for the 2011–12 financial year. However, the Department also produces the annual report for the State Supply Commission with production and distribution costs as follows:

- (a) \$4,800  
 (b) Nil

## Small Business Development Corporation

- (a) The costs for the Small Business Development Corporation's Annual Report for the financial year 2009/10 was \$15,977. This includes printing, an estimate of the cost of staff time, postage and design.  
 (b) Approximately \$15 postage cost

## Department of the Registrar, Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission

- (a) \$5,174  
 (b) Nil

## WorkCover WA

- (a) \$6 701.04  
 (b) \$40

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

6772. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Since May 2011 for each Government Department or Agency under the Premier's control, including the Ministerial Office, I ask:

- (a) are media monitoring services provided, and if yes:  
 (i) which firm or firms currently provide a media monitoring service;  
 (b) what is the cost of the contract/s;  
 (c) since 1 June 2010 how much has been paid for media monitoring services;  
 (d) what is the duration of the contract/s; and  
 (e) when did the contract/s commence?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Timeframe: 1 May 2011 – 1 November 2011.

Office of the Premier:

- (a)–(e) Department of the Premier and Cabinet provides media monitoring services to Ministerial Offices through the Media Monitoring Unit of the Media Office.

Government agencies in the Premier's portfolio advise:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet:

- (a)–(e) The Department provides media monitoring services to the Premier's office and Ministerial offices through the Media Monitoring Unit of the Media Office.

Public Sector Commission:

- (a) Yes  
 (i) The Department of the Premier and Cabinet through the Government Media Monitoring Unit  
 (b)–(c) Nil  
 (d) There is no contract  
 (e) Not applicable

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal:

- (a)–(e) Department of the Premier and Cabinet provides media monitoring services to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal through the Media Monitoring Unit of the Media Office.

## Department of State Development:

- (a) Yes. Department of State Development uses media monitoring services provided through a Service level agreement with the Department of Mines and Petroleum.
  - (i) Media Monitors.
- (b) Department of State Development does not have a contract with Media Monitors.
- (c) Department of State Development pays an annual amount of \$20,000 to the Department of Mines and Petroleum for the media monitoring services provided.
- (d)–(e) Not applicable.

## Gold Corporation:

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Gold Corporation contracts the supply of media monitoring services from Media Monitors Pty Ltd.
- (b) The cost of the current contract averages at approximately \$813.51 per month (calculated from monthly invoices received between 1 May and 1 November 2011).
- (c) Between 1 May 2011 and 1 November 2011, Gold Corporation paid Media Monitors Pty Ltd a total of \$4,881.06 for services rendered.
- (d) Gold Corporation/Perth Mint contract with Media Monitors Pty Ltd is rolled over annually or re-negotiated when fees are increased with the last Client Service Order signed in January 2010.
- (e) The ongoing arrangement with Media Monitors Pty Ltd commenced in 2002.

## Lotterywest:

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Media Monitors Pty Ltd
- (b) \$147,743 (1 April 2011 — 31 March 2016)
- (c) \$22,888.62 (1 June 2010 — 1 November 2011)
- (d) 5 years (1 April 2011 — 31 March 2016)
- (e) 1 April 2011

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

6775. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Since May 2011 for each Government Department or Agency under the Minister's control, including the Ministerial Office, I ask:

- (a) are media monitoring services provided, and if yes:
  - (i) which firm or firms currently provide a media monitoring service;
- (b) what is the cost of the contract/s;
- (c) since 1 June 2010 how much has been paid for media monitoring services;
- (d) what is the duration of the contract/s; and
- (e) when did the contract/s commence?

Mr B.J. GRILLS replied:

## Gascoyne Development Commission

- (a) No
  - (i) Not applicable
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

## Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

- (a) No
  - (i) Not applicable
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

## Great Southern Development Commission

- (a) No
  - (i) Not applicable
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

## Kimberley Development Commission

- (a) No
  - (i) Not applicable
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

## Landcorp

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Media Monitors.
- (b) The average cost of the service per month is \$5156.24 (including GST). Please note, this cost includes the copyright and does not include variable charges such as audio, video and transcript orders. Monthly costs vary and are dependent upon the volume of the coverage provided. Fixed costs per month include the monitoring retainer fee of \$585.76 and web hosting fee of \$319.34.
- (c) Over the past 18 months, since 1 June 2010, \$85 468.80 has been spent (including GST).
- (d) The service commenced in 2002 and has been renewed on an annual basis.
- (e) Services commenced with Media Monitors on 1 January 2002.

## Landgate

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) Media Monitors Pty Ltd, Strawberry Hills, NSW.
- (b) There is no contract. The service is provided on a monthly retainer basis as per letter of agreement dated 16 April 2007.
  - Monitoring Service Digital per month is \$644.34 inc GST.
  - Web Hosting Monitoring per month is \$351.27 inc GST.
  - Plus copyright, clip and transcript fees, as required.
- (c) \$17 742.83
- (d) Refer to (b) above
- (e) Refer to (b) above

## Department of Regional Development and Lands

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) Media Monitors.
- (b) Media Monitors has provided the Department of Regional Development and Lands with media monitoring services since 22 August 2011 on a monthly basis, no contract is currently in place. A tender process is currently being conducted by the Department of Finance and once concluded a contract will be awarded to the successful supplier.
- (c) \$6065.99 (inclusive of GST).
- (d)–(e) Not applicable.

## Mid West Development Commission

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Department of Premier and Cabinet — Media Monitoring Unit
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

## Ministerial Office

- (a)–(e) Department of the Premier and Cabinet provides media monitoring services to Ministerial Offices through the Media Monitoring Unit of the Media Office.

## Peel Development Commission

- (a) No

- (i) Not applicable
  - (b)–(e) Not applicable
- Pilbara Development Commission
- (a) Yes
    - (i) Meltwater News and Media Monitors
  - (b) \$13,540.00
  - (c) Nil
  - (d) three (3) years
  - (e) 1st April 2010

South West Development Commission

- (a) No
  - (i) Not applicable
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

Wheatbelt Development Commission

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (b)–(e) Not applicable

The timeframe for this answer is 01 May 2011 to 01 November 2011. .

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

6778. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Since May 2011 for each Government Department or Agency under the Minister's control, including the Ministerial Office, I ask:

- (a) are media monitoring services provided, and if yes:
  - (i) which firm or firms currently provide a media monitoring service;
- (b) what is the cost of the contract/s;
- (c) since 1 June 2010 how much has been paid for media monitoring services;
- (d) what is the duration of the contract/s; and
- (e) when did the contract/s commence?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Ministerial Office

- (a)–(e) Department of the Premier and Cabinet provides media monitoring services to Ministerial Offices through the Media Monitoring Unit of the Media Office.

Department of Commerce

- (a) Yes, media monitoring services are provided to the department's six operating divisions which are Building Commission; Consumer Protection; EnergySafety; Labour Relations; Industry, Science and Innovation: and WorkSafe.
  - (i) Media Monitors Pty Ltd provides the monitoring services.
- (b) It is estimated that for a period of one year the value will be \$90,422 for all divisions.
- (c) Since 1 June 2010, \$150,906 has been paid for media monitoring services. This amount includes \$36,131 for Industry, Science and Innovation Division which is also reported under separately under question on notice 6781.
- (d) The duration of the contract is for one year with yearly options for four consecutive years.
- (e) The contract commenced on 20 December 2010.

Department of Finance

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Media Monitors
- (b) \$905.10 per month

- (c) The cost to date is \$9,526.45 (inc GST)
- (d) 12 months
- (e) 3 August 2011

Small Business Development Corporation

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Media monitoring services are provided by Media Monitors Pty Ltd, with alerts and bulletins from the Media Monitoring Unit (MMU) of the Government Media Office (GMO).
- (b) The cost of the contract with Media Monitors is \$442.37 per month (GST included) plus a charge per press clip and per broadcast summary for both metropolitan and regional broadcast. There is no cost for the service from the GMO.
- (c) For the period 1 June 2010 to 1 November 2011, \$16,172.58 has been paid. (No payments have been made to the MMU or the GMO).
- (d) The contract remains in force until revoked in writing by the SBDC to Media Monitors.
- (e) 4 March 2009

Department of the Registrar, Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Lexis Nexis (Capital Monitor) and CCH (Political Alert)
- (b) Capital Monitor — \$3,758.70 excl gst (annual contract to 30 June 2011)  
Political Alert — \$1,297.92 excl gst (annual contract to 30 June 2012)
- (c) Capital Monitor — \$4,114.60 excl gst  
Political Alert — \$432.64 excl gst
- (d) Capital Monitor — 12 months to 30 June 2011  
Political Alert — 12 months to 30 June 2012
- (e) Capital Monitor 2003  
Political Alert 23 March 2011 (March — June 2011 — complimentary promotional offer)

WorkCover WA

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Media Monitoring Unit — The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (free email service)
- (b) Not Applicable
- (c) A one off purchase was made from Media Monitors Australia Pty Ltd to the value of \$204.46
- (d)–(e) Not Applicable

ROCKINGHAM, COCKBURN AND KWINANA COUNCILS — AMALGAMATION PLANS

6795. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government

- (1) Does the government have any plans to amalgamate the City of Rockingham, City of Cockburn and Town of Kwinana;
  - (a) if so when will the government proceed with these plans; and
  - (b) if not will the government rule it out?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

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

PUBLIC HOUSING IN REGIONS — EDUCATION STAFF

6796. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education

- (1) Will the Minister widen the criteria for Department of Education staff housing to assist Education Assistants and other departmental employees in regions where the dramatic and sustained period of growth in the resources sector and the absence of sufficient private housing stock has seen rents rise to an unaffordable level, and
  - (a) if not, why not?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (1) I am advised that the Department of Education provides housing where possible to employees deployed to most regional locations. Employees residing in the location of their place of work at the time of recruitment are generally not eligible for housing. School support staff, including education assistants, are mostly recruited locally and are thus not eligible for housing. Of course, extenuating or compassionate circumstances are considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### KEYSTART — BOARD MEETINGS

6798. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

- (1) What is the usual meeting pattern for the Keystart Board?
- (2) On what dates during 2011 has the Keystart Board met?
- (3) As at 31 October 2011, what are the names of the members of the Keystart Board?
- (4) What is the attendance record of board members at board meetings for 2011?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (1) Consistent with the meeting pattern of the previous Government, monthly or as required.
- (2) The Keystart Board met during 2011 as follows:

21 January 2011  
 25 January 2011  
 18 February 2011  
 18 March 2011  
 15 April 2011  
 20 May 2011  
 17 June 2011  
 12 July 2011  
 18 July 2011  
 19 August 2011  
 16 September 2011  
 6 October 2011  
 21 October 2011

- (3) The name of the Keystart Board Members as at 31st October are as follows:

Mr Robert Mitchell — Chairman  
 Mr Michael Bonney  
 Ms Dianne Browning  
 Ms Brenda Robbins

- (4) The attendance records for board member at board meeting for 2011 is as follows:

Director/Number of meetings attended

Mr R Mitchell 13  
 Mr M Bonney 13  
 Ms D Browning 13  
 Ms B Robbins 13  
 Mr J Carruthers 5

[<sup>1</sup>] Mr Carruthers resigned effective August 2011.

#### PUBLIC HOUSING — PROPERTIES SOLD

6799. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

- (1) How many Department of Housing dwellings were sold in 2011?
- (2) What is the address of each of the dwellings?
- (3) How much was each dwelling sold for?
- (4) On what date was settlement for the sale of the dwelling?
- (5) What is the name of the real estate agency that negotiated the sale?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (1)–(5) Much of the information requested is available via the Department of Housing's Annual Report and in answers to previous questions on notice (for example questions on notice 5301, 5302, 5303 and 5811). Information is also publicly available and can be sourced from Landgate.

#### GOVERNMENT LEASE AGREEMENTS — VACANT OFFICE SPACE

6801. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance

I refer to the Minister for Finance's media statement of 23 August 2011 in which the Minister states that the State Government's leased agreements are spread across 96 buildings which are now being consolidated into about 15 properties, and I ask:

- (a) of the 96 buildings to which the Minister refers, how many were fully or partially vacant as at 31 October 2011;
- (b) what is the name of the building and the physical address of each of the buildings in which there was vacant office space as at 31 October 2011;
- (c) what is the name of the agency or agencies which previously vacated the office space;
- (d) as at 31 October 2011, what monthly rental amount was being paid for vacant office space in each of the fully or partially vacant buildings outlined above;
- (e) for what period of time has the State Government now been paying rent on vacant space in each of the fully or partially vacant buildings outlined in (a);
- (f) how much in total has now been paid in rent on vacant space in each of the fully or partially vacant buildings outlined above; and
- (g) how much in total has the State Government paid for empty car bays attached to the vacant or partially vacant buildings since the offices were vacated?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (a) Five
- (b)–(g) [See paper 4401.]

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS — MINISTERS' ADVICE

6802. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General

I refer to advice requested from the State Solicitor's Office and Solicitor General by Ministers, regarding Opposition freedom of information requests since 1 October 2010, and I ask:

- (a) how many times has advice been requested;
- (b) how many times has written advice been provided;
- (c) how many pages of advice have been provided in total; and
- (d) what has been the estimated cost of providing this advice in total?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (a) A search of the records of the State Solicitor's Office has located 13 instances where advice was requested.
- (b) A search of the records of the State Solicitor's Office has located 5 instances where written advice has been provided.
- (c) The nature and subject matter of the advice is subject to legal professional privilege.
- (d) As the advice was provided by legal officers employed by the State, no legal costs were incurred in providing the advice on these matters.

NB — Solicitor General's Office records indicate no requests for advice have been received from Ministers regarding Opposition freedom of information applications since 1 October 2010.

#### PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

6803. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 5338 in which the Minister states that the total number of people associated with the wait list as at 30 April 2011 was 53,050, and I ask:

- (a) as at 31 October 2011, has this amount of 53,050 increased or decreased;
- (b) by how much has this amount of 53,050 people increased or decreased as at 31 October 2011; and

(c) if the Minister refuses to answer (a) or (b), why does he refuse to answer these questions?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (1) Decreased.
- (2) 1 694.
- (3) Not Applicable

#### WAKATHUNI AND BELLARY SPRINGS COMMUNITIES — HOUSING SHORTAGE

6804. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing

In relation to the chronic lack of housing in the communities of Wakathuni and Bellary Springs:

- (a) is the Minister aware that these communities are currently suffering from a chronic shortage of housing – Wakathuni with only 16 houses (a 17th is condemned) to cater for a population of between 65–100 persons, and Bellary Springs with 8 houses and approx. 60 to 70 people;
- (b) is the Minister aware that 6 of the houses in Wakathuni and 4 of those in Bellary Springs are badly overcrowded with 10–15 people;
- (c) is the Minister aware that for those families facing overcrowding there is no alternative housing for them in Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Karratha or Port Hedland;
- (d) has funding been sought for the Pilbara region for the latest National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) submission period;
  - (i) and if not, why not; and
- (e) in particular, will the Minister's Department plan for the construction of new housing for the community of Wakathuni to assist with their chronic housing shortage;
  - (i) and if not, why not?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) There are 68 people living in Wakathuni with an average of 4 people per house and 35 living in Bellary Springs with an average of 4 people per house
- (b) I am advised that 1 property in Wakathuni and 1 property in Bellary have more than 10 occupants.
- (c) Residents can apply for social housing in the towns of Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Karratha or Port Hedland. Applicants can be assessed for priority assistance.
- (d) Yes
  - (i) Not applicable
- (e) Yes, subject to Commonwealth approval of the State bid.
  - (i) Not applicable

#### PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

6805. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance

In relation to the Parliamentary Precinct Committee, I ask:

- (a) on what occasions has the committee met;
- (b) how much has been expended on committee costs and research;
- (c) on what date did the Premier receive the Committee's report and recommendations pertaining to linking Barracks Arch with Parliament House;
- (d) will the Premier table the full report; and
  - (i) if not, why not; and
- (e) what are the costings for recommendations made by the Committee?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (a) The Parliamentary Precinct Masterplan Steering Committee met a total of six times throughout 2010 as follows:

Meeting 1: 13 May  
 Meeting 2: 9 June  
 Meeting 3: 14 July  
 Meeting 4: 11 August  
 Meeting 5: 8 September  
 Meeting 6: 13 September

- (b) There was no expenditure on committee member sitting fees. Total disbursements in consultant fees for the Parliamentary Precinct Masterplan were \$96,020 — within the approved project budget allocation of \$100,000. The breakdown was as follows:  
 \$88,020 paid to the urban design/town planning consultants (Hassell Pty Ltd); and  
 \$8,000 paid to the cost planners/quantity surveyors (Ralph Beattie Bosworth Pty Ltd).
- (c) 17 November 2010
- (d) No
- (i) The matter has not been considered by Cabinet.
- (e) No information is available at this time as the matter has not yet been considered by Government.

#### COMMISSIONER FOR VICTIMS RIGHTS — GOVERNMENT PLAN

6807. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General

Does the Attorney General intend to establish a Commissioner for Victims Rights in Western Australia, and if not, why not?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

I consider there is merit in the idea of a Commissioner for Victims Rights. Upcoming public consultation regarding the Victims of Crime reforms will specifically canvas the opinions of victims groups and other stakeholders regarding the desirability of such a position, and the powers and duties they should have.

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE — VOLUME SINCE 2007

6810. Mr J.M. Francis to the Premier

Regarding the volume of Questions on Notice that have been asked of the Government I ask:

- (a) what was the total number of Questions on Notice received by the Government in:
- (i) 2007;
- (ii) 2008 (both prior to and after the State election);
- (iii) 2009;
- (iv) 2010; and
- (v) to date in 2011;
- (b) what is the break-up of these questions per Ministerial portfolio;
- (c) what proportion of these questions have been asked by:
- (i) government members; and
- (ii) non-government members; and
- (d) what is the average total cost per question to provide answers to these Questions on Notice, both in terms of hours and actual monetary value?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet (Cabinet Secretariat) advises:

- (a) (i) In the calendar year of 2007 the Government received 1,210 Legislative Assembly Question on Notice and 1,284 Legislative Council Question on Notice.
- (ii) In the calendar year of 2008 from 1 January – 30 June the Government received 498 Legislative Assembly Question on Notice and 733 Legislative Council Question on Notice.  
 38th Parliament officially opened on 6 November 2008 and last sitting day for 2008 was Thursday 11 December 2008. During this period the Government received 421 Legislative Assembly Question on Notice and 229 Legislative Council Question on Notice.
- (iii) In the calendar year of 2009 the Government received 1,676 Legislative Assembly and 1,206 Legislative Council Question on Notice.

- (iv) In the calendar year of 2010 the Government received 2,509 Legislative Assembly and 1,820 Legislative Council Question on Notice.
- (v) In the calendar year of 2011 the Government received from 1 January – 22 November 2011, 2,203 Legislative Assembly and 1,776 Legislative Council Question on Notice.
- (b)–(c) Answers to parliamentary question on notice are printed in *Hansard*.
- (d) Department of the Premier and Cabinet does not keep such records.

SOUTH HEDLAND AND PUNDLEMURRA TAFE CAMPUSES — BUILDING MOULD

6811. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

In relation to the ongoing issues with mould at the South Hedland and Pundlemurra campuses of the Pilbara Institute (ex TAFE), and following the comment in emails to staff in early July by the Director of Corporate Services that there was a 'one in a million' chance of mould infecting the lung:

- (a) will the Minister provide a full and detailed list of the dates and the numbers of reports of lung and respiratory infections from staff of both campuses;
- (b) is the Minister aware of complaints from staff that management have adopted a bullying attitude towards staff who have complained of ill-health;
- (c) is the Minister aware of complaints from staff that management are demanding that they return to work citing a report dated 31 August 2011 to suggest that many areas are clear of any spores;
- (d) can the minister explain why the 31 August 2011 test results, purported to be from the reception, staff kitchen, compactor, directors office, council kitchen, and certain offices & book rooms at the South Hedland Campus showed a result of no growth for fungal count, a result more consistent with a sterile laboratory atmosphere than in areas open to the outside and frequented by people;
- (e) is the Minister aware of staff complaints that the firm currently charged with removing mould from both campuses is using inexperienced backpackers as casual labour to assist with the clean up; and
- (f) will the Minister now authorise an independent assessment of the air & surface counts of spores at the South Hedland and Pundlemurra campuses as staff & students are continuing to fall sick, and
  - (i) if not, why not?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (a) As at 12 December 2011, Dates and numbers of incidents for lung and respiratory infections are:

Date	Campus	
	South Hedland	Pundulmurra
1 March 2011	2	
8 August 2011	1	
10 August 2011	1	
15 August 2011	1	
7 September 2011	1	
9 September 2011	1	
12 September 2011	1	
19 September 2011	1	
20 September 2011	1	
6 October 2011	1 (staff member worked across both campuses)	
31 October 2011	1	
7 November 2011	1	
8 November 2011	1	
21 November 2011	1	
Total	15	

- (b) Pilbara Institute advises that it has not received any official complaints from staff which suggest management has adopted a bullying attitude towards staff who have complained of ill-health.
- (c) Pilbara Institute advises that it has not received any official complaints from staff which suggest management have demanded they return to work.

- (d) Pilbara Institute advises that contractors work to guidelines provided by Building Management and Works (BMW) and send tests to independent laboratories for analysis. This was the process used for the test results provided dated 31 August 2011.
- (e) Pilbara Institute advises it is not aware of any complaints from staff in relation to inexperienced backpackers being used as casual labour by the contracted firm. The contractor was contracted through Building Management and Works and has worked to guidelines provided by them.
- (f) No
  - (i) Pilbara Institute advises its South Hedland and Pundulmurra Campuses have now been thoroughly and appropriately tested. The Institute has a draft Mould Management Plan approved by its OSH Committee which will be adopted as policy. The Mould Management Plan will be used to identify and manage mould on an ongoing basis cross the organisation.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS — ENROLMENTS

6816. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

For the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011:

- (a) what is the total number of students enrolled in Government secondary schools; and
- (b) what is the enrolment for each Government secondary school, for each of those years?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (a) The total number of students enrolled in Government secondary schools, as at Semester 2 Census each year was:
  - 2007 — 88 943
  - 2008 — 90 179
  - 2009 — 91 622
  - 2010 — 85 478
  - 2011 — 85 693

The figures for 2010 and 2011 reflect the half-cohort of students resulting from the raising of the school entry age.
- (b) This information is publicly available on the Department of Education's Schools Online website.

#### GEOFFREY WEDGWOOD — CONSULTANCY SERVICES

6817. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

I refer to the consultancy services provided by Mr Geoffrey Wedgwood through Bright Blue Communications Pty Ltd and ask:

- (a) has the consultancy contract expired, and if so when;
- (b) has a new consultancy contract been negotiated and if so, when;
- (c) if yes to (b);
  - (i) what is the length of the contract;
  - (ii) how much will Mr Wedgwood be paid;
  - (iii) what additional benefits — such as office space, access to IT facilities, parking bay — will Mr Wedgwood receive;
  - (iv) what will be his employment arrangements as far as hours of work; and
  - (v) where will Mr Wedgwood be based?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

- (a)–(c) Bright Blue Communications Pty Ltd was engaged to provide the services of Mr Geoffrey Wedgwood for the period to 3 November 2011. A new contract has been established for the provision of the required services from 4 November 2011 for the remainder of the Term of Government. The consultancy fees are based on the payment of hourly and daily rates for hours worked. The total estimated contract value for the 15-month period of engagement is \$195,000 excluding goods and services tax and expenses. Mr Wedgwood is a director of Bright Blue Communications Pty Ltd which is based in Fremantle.

#### LEEWIN NATURALISTE NATIONAL PARK — MINING LEASE APPLICATION

6819. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

With regards to a mining lease application M70/1302 proposed on land that adjoins the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park, Boranup, I ask

- (a) will the Department of Environment and Conservation assess the impacts of this proposal on the unique and sensitive environment of the area;
- (b) will the Minister please table the Mineralisation Report for this proposal;
- (c) does this proposal encroach on any lands that are proposed to expand the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park and if so will the Minister please provide details;
- (d) will mining in this sensitive environment so close to the Boranup forest and unique marine environment of Hamelin Bay pose any risk of adverse impacts on the existing natural heritage values;
- (e) will mining in this area pose any risk of adverse impacts on the iconic south west underground caves located in this area; and
- (f) will mining in this area conflict with any pre-existing land uses, such as ecotourism, viticulture, farming and agricultural practices?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a) I am advised that reserve 30656 for 'Quarry Lime Sand' that is the subject of this application is vested with the Shire of Augusta–Margaret River. In accordance with the Mining Act 1978 the normal practice is for the Department of Mines and Petroleum to refer the application to the Shire and the Minister responsible for the reserve for their recommendations.
- (b) This question should be directed to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.
- (c) The Draft Management Plan for the Leeuwin–Naturaliste Capes Area Parks and Reserves, released for public comment on 10 December 2010, proposes that reserve 30656 be added to the Leeuwin–Naturaliste National Park.
- (d)–(f) It is expected that the Department of Mines and Petroleum would refer any mining proposal that may have a significant effect on the environment to the Environmental Protection Authority in accordance with their memorandum of understanding..

#### MT WELD RARE EARTH OPERATION CONCENTRATOR PLANT

6821. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

With regard to the prescribed premises licence conditions of the Mt Weld Rare Earth Operation Concentrator Plant- licence no. L8141/2007/2 I ask;

- (a) will the Minister table the monitoring data, including laboratory certificates, for bores LMW1 through to LMW 9 which are required to be analysed quarterly and, if not, why not;
- (b) can the Minister confirm that the radioactivity of the tailings from the concentrator plant exceeds the threshold for the tailings to be classified non-radioactive;
- (c) can the Minister confirm that the specific radioactivity of the concentrate is between 3 and 8 times higher than that of the tailings; and
- (d) can the Minister explain why the tailings are deemed radioactive while the concentrate will be transported through Western Australia without labelling or precautions normally associated with radioactive materials?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a) No. I have been advised by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) that under its licence conditions, Lynas Corporation Limited is not required to submit quarterly monitoring data for LMW1 to LMW9 for its Mt Weld Rare Earth Operation Concentration Plant until 31 March 2012.
- (b)–(c) Yes. DEC received a courtesy copy of Lynas' radiation management plan, as required by and submitted to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) which states that the specific activity of thorium–232 in tailings is 1.8 becquerels per gram (Bq/g). This exceeds the reference limit of 1.0 Bq/g for non-radioactive material set in the DMP guidance documents.

The radiation management plan also indicated that thorium oxide levels in the concentrate are 3.4 times greater than in the tailings.

- (d) The labelling and transport of radioactive material is regulated in Western Australia by the Radiological Council and DMP. This question should be referred to the Ministers for Health and Mines and Petroleum.

## ENVIRONMENTAL OFFSETS — COMPLIANCE

6822. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

With regard to recent public criticism over the issue of environmental offsets, I ask:

- (a) how many offset agreements have the Department of Environment and Conservation (or its predecessors) entered into with proponents in Western Australia;
- (b) what is the total dollar value of those offset agreements;
- (c) are there any cases in which the offset agreements have not been fulfilled as required by the conditions of the agreement and if yes, please provide details;
- (d) will the Minister detail the ten largest offset agreements between proponents and the Department of Environment and Conservation in dollar terms including the proponent name and the project to which the offset is related; and
  - (i) if not, why not; and
- (e) how many Department of Environment and Conservation Full Time Equivalent staff are dedicated to ensuring compliance with the terms of the offset agreements?

Mr W.R. Marmion replied:

- (a)–(b) For data on offset funds, by project, received by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) from 2008/09 to 31 December 2011, [See paper 4389]. There have been 112 offsets implemented for clearing permits between July 2004 and 31 December 2011, of which two have involved funding to DEC, both for purchase of land for conservation.
- (c) DEC is not responsible for compliance with the Ministerial conditions of an implementation agreement under the Environmental Protection Act or conditions imposed under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. There have been three letters of warning in respect of offsets that were required as a condition of a clearing permit. There have been no prosecutions.
- (d) [See paper 4389.]
- (e) DEC does not undertake compliance activities for offsets under Ministerial conditions or the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act as the conditions are not imposed by DEC.

The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority has 12 FTEs responsible for determining compliance with Ministerial conditions.

Six FTEs in DEC are responsible for determining compliance with the clearing provisions, including offset requirements. A further 3.85 FTEs have compliance as part of their responsibilities.

## FREMANTLE ELECTORATE — SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING

6823. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Education

With regard to the government program funding the installation of air conditioning in state schools, I ask;

- (a) which schools in the electorate of Fremantle have been identified to receive air conditioning in the first year of the four year government program to air condition 115 state schools;
- (b) if no Fremantle electorate schools have been identified for these works in the first year of the programme, which schools have been identified for air conditioning in the next three years of the program;
- (c) in which years will these schools have their air conditioners installed; and
- (d) how much funding will be made available to each of these schools for the provision of air conditioning?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (a) The State program provides for the installation of evaporative air-cooling. There are no schools in the State Electorate of Fremantle included in the first year of the State air-cooling program. The implementation of the program provides for schools closest to the coast to receive air-conditioning after schools located east of the freeway.
- (b)–(c) All schools in the Fremantle electorate will receive air-cooling between 2013 and 2015.
- (d) The Department in conjunction with Building Management and Works will manage the installation program. Funds are not provided directly to schools.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6824. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if any officer in the Premier's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Aside from any social or Liberal Party capacity, no officer employed in the Premier's office as at Friday 17 February 2012 has had contact with Hon. Geoff Prosser between 1 January 2011 and 25 November 2011.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6825. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if any officer in the Deputy Premier's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Deputy Premier's office may, from time to time, meet Hon. Geoff Prosser in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6826. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

From 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011

- (a) Officers in Minister Moore's office may, from time to time, meet Hon. Geoff Prosser or a representative of his company in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to government business.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6827. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

- (a) No
- (i)–(v) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6828. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

Could the Treasurer advise if any officer in the Treasurer's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Officers in the Treasurer's office may, from time to time, meet Hon. Geoff Prosser in a social capacity or at meetings in which Mr Prosser attends in his capacity as President of the WA Division of the Liberal Party, however, for meetings relating to Government business please see below.

- (a) No
- (i)–(v) Not applicable

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6829. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011 and reflects contact by current staff.

No.

- (a) (i)–(v) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6830. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,

- (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
- (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Officers in Minister O'Brien's office may, from time to time, meet Hon. Geoff Prosser in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6831. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) (i)–(v) Officers in the Ministerial Office may, from time to time, meet Hon. Geoff Prosser in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6832. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

Officers in the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming office may, from time to time, meet Hon. Geoff Prosser in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6833. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Officers in Hon John Day's Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Hon. Geoff Prosser in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6834. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

For staff of the Ministerial Office as at 24 November 2011:

- (a) (i)–(v) Nil

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6836. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6837. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

- (a) (i)–(iv) No officers in the Ministerial Office have met with Hon Geoff Prosser or representatives of Hon Geoff Prosser’s company for any formal meetings or discussions, however from time to time, may meet with him in a social capacity.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6838. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister’s office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser’s company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
- (i)–(v) Not applicable

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6839. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister’s office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser’s company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a) Officers in Minister Marmion’s office may, from time to time, meet Hon Geoff Prosser in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, there have been no formal meetings..

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6840. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister’s office has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser’s company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s);
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Minister’s office may, from time to time, meet Mr Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there were no formal meetings.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6841. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if any officer in the Premier’s office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda’s company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

It should be noted that administrative staff (i.e. receptionists, correspondence staff) are not listed below as they would have only had incidental contact. Contact below applies for formal forms of contact only between 1 January 2011 and 25 November 2011. Staff may have met representatives of Enhance Group/Smith Duda Consulting as incidental and irregular social events in which case, it is not listed below.

- (a) (i) The following staff have had contact with representatives of Enhance Group/Smith Duda Consulting:
- Mr B. Pontifex
  - Mr G. Wedgewood
  - Mr R. May
- Mr R. Wilson and Mr C. Edwardes, no longer employed in the Office of the Premier have also met with representatives of Enhance Group/Smith Duda Consulting.
- (ii) Contact or meetings occurred on the following dates: 5 January 2011, 24 February 2011, 13 April 2011, 15 June 2011, 16 June 2011, 7 June 2011, 5 September 2011, 3 August 2011, 8 August 2011, 15 July 2011, 19 July 2011, 5 July 2011, 11 July 2011, 12 July 2011, 12 October 2011, 22 November 2011, 31 October 2011, 3 August 2011.
- (iii) Meeting Panoramic Resources — introductory meeting, Meeting Pluton Resources — introductory meeting, Port Hedland Resort Group — Update, Hudson Group — quarry activity around Aboriginal Heritage Sites, Wright Prospecting — Briefing on Rhodes Ridge, Magellan — meeting with overseas representative relating to exports, Cashmere Iron — port capacity, Meeting Pluton Resources — Irvine Island Project overview, Hanson Construction — general overview, Red Hill Quarry — Aboriginal Cultural Issues under the EPA, NRL — games coming to Western Australia, Degremont — Water issues, General Resource Development discussions, Suez Environment — Introductory meeting.
- (iv)–(v) Meetings may have had representatives from aforementioned companies present however these do not have to be recorded in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Record of Contact with Lobbyist' forms.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6842. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if any officer in the Deputy Premier's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Deputy Premier's office may, from time to time, meet Ms Duda or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below.

- (a) (i) Ian Wight-Pickin.
- (ii) 20 January 2011.
- (iii) An email invitation to dinner and request for a meeting which were subsequently declined.
- (iv) No.
- (v) Not applicable.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6843. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

(a)–(v) [See paper 4393.]

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6844. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLES replied:

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Steve Imms and Doug Cunningham
  - (ii) 3 August 2011
  - (iii) email to advise of change of company name and ownership.
  - (iv)–(v) Not applicable.

The Member is also referred to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6861 regarding Mr Dean Smith.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6845. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

Could the Treasurer advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Officers in Treasurer's office may, from time to time, meet Ms Duda or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business since 1 January 2011 please see below.

- (a) Yes, Dr Ross Field (meeting)

- (i) Damian Creedon and Glenn Barrett
- (ii) 12 April 2011
- (iii) Panoramic Resources approval process and expansion issues
- (iv) Representatives of Panoramic Resources
- (v) Referred to the Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6846. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011 and reflects contact by current staff.

No.

- (a) (i)–(v) Not applicable.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6847. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Officers in Minister O'Brien's office may, from time to time, meet Ms Duda or representatives of her company in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

- (a) (i) Keetha Wilkinson, Nichol Kabugua
- (ii) 10 October 2011
- (iii) Meet and greet with Lighthouse HQ
- (iv) Rob Kelly — Business Development Manager, Lighthouse HQ  
John Cooke — Manager Regulatory Advisory Services, Lighthouse HQ
- (v) Keetha Wilkinson, Nichol Kabugua, Fay Duda, Rob Kelly, John Cooke

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6848. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;

- (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Anne Fergusson–Stewart.
  - (ii) 17 August 2011.
  - (iii) IT capabilities for Police.
  - (iv) Yes.
  - (v) Anne Fergusson–Stewart, Fay Duda, John Cooke, and Bob Kelly.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6849. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

- (a) Contact by email
  - (i) Nick Sloan
  - (ii) 5 October 2011
  - (iii) Organise a meeting time
  - (iv) No
  - (v) Not Applicable

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6850. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this PQ from 1 January 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

Officers in Hon John Day's Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Ms Duda or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below.

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Lorissa Kelly
  - (ii) 19 August 2011

- (iii) General introduction to work of Duda and Smith
- (iv) Dean Smith
- (v) Lorissa Kelly, Dean Smith and Fay Duda

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6851. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

For staff of the Ministerial Office as at 24 November 2011:

- (a) (i)–(iv) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6868.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6853. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

Officers in McSweeney office may, from time to time, meet Ms Duda or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meeting relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6854. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

- (a) Yes

- (i) Gary Brennan; Chief of Staff
- (ii) 29 September 2011
- (iii) Received an e-mail requesting a meeting with Chief of Staff to promote the services that Lighthouse HQ provides in relation to the Cat Act.  
Meeting Request was declined.
- (iv) Not applicable.
- (v) Not applicable.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6855. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(v) Not applicable

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6856. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

Officers in Minister Marmion's office may, from time to time, meet Ms Duda in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, there have been no formal meetings.

For meetings with representatives of Enhance Group, please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6873.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6857. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and

- (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Ms Duda or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there were no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6858. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if any officer in the Premier's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

As Mr Smith is a registered lobbyist with Enhance Group / Duda Smith Consulting during the period 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011, please refer to LA question 6841.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6859. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if any officer in the Deputy Premier's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Deputy Premier's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below.

- (a) (i) Ian Wight-Pickin.
- (ii) 10 March 2011.
- (iii) Proposal for a new service station on the Forrest Highway.
- (iv) Yes.
- (v) Bruno Cammari.
- (a) (i) Melinda Hayes and Ian Johnson.
- (ii) 15 August 2011.
- (iii) Briefing on proposed short stay accommodation for Port Hedland.
- (iv) Yes.
- (v) Vicki Robertson.
- (a) (i) Melinda Hayes and Ian Wight-Pickin.
- (ii) 22 November 2011.
- (iii) Email regarding NRL activities.
- (iv) Yes.
- (v) Copy only to Fay Duda.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6860. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice 6843.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6861. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLES replied:

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Steve Imms and Doug Cunningham
  - (ii) 13 and 14 July 2011 (Steve Imms and Doug Cunningham)  
17 August 2011 (Steve Imms)
  - (iii) emails regarding projects by Centauri Group  
Email regarding Pilbara Iron Ore project
  - (iv) Not applicable.
  - (v) Not applicable.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6862. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

Could the Treasurer advise if any officer in the Treasurer's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Officers in Treasurer's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business since 1 January 2011 please see below.

- (a) Yes, Dr Ross Field (meeting)
  - (i) Damian Creedon and Glenn Barrett
  - (ii) 12 April 2011
  - (iii) Panoramic Resources approval process and expansion issues
  - (iv) Representatives of Panoramic Resources
  - (v) Referred to the Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6863. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011 and reflects contact by current staff.

No.

- (a) (i)–(v) Not applicable.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6864. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Officers in Minister O'Brien's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Smith or representatives from his company in a social capacity, however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

- (a) (i) Eacham Curry, Keetha Wilkinson
- (ii) 31 October 2011
- (iii) Ivernia Inc and the Section 46 Report and the recommendations of the EPA
- (iv) Alan De'ath, Rob Scargill
- (v) Eacham Curry, Keetha Wilkinson, Dean Smith, Alan De'ath, Rob Scargill

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6865. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;

- (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Anne Fergusson–Stewart.
  - (ii) 17 August 2011.
  - (iii) IT capabilities for Police.
  - (iv) Yes.
  - (v) Anne Fergusson–Stewart, Fay Duda, John Cooke, and Bob Kelly.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6866. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

- (a) Contact by email
  - (i) Michael Cutler, Nick Sloan
  - (ii) 4 October 2011
  - (iii) Request for meeting
  - (iv) No
- (v) Not Applicable

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6867. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this PQ from 1 January 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

Officers in Hon John Day's Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below. Administration Officers have also emailed and telephoned members from Enhance Corporate or a representative of Mr Smith's company in line with their duties of setting up meetings, but not formally met with them.

- (a) Yes

- (i) Lorissa Kelly, Johan Gildenhuis, Emma Thunder and Tjorn Sibma
- (ii) Meeting one — 19 August 2011  
Meeting two — 31 August 2011  
Meeting three — 7 November 2011  
Telephone discussion one — 28 March 2011  
Telephone discussion two — 9 September 2011  
Meeting four — 31 January 2011  
Telephone discussion three — 6 January 2011  
Telephone discussion four — 16–17 January 2011  
Telephone discussion five — 22 February 2011  
Telephone discussion six — 12 April 2011
- (iii) Meeting one — General introduction work of Smith and Duda consulting  
Meeting two — Waster water servicing  
Meeting three — Wastewater and rezoning issues  
Telephone discussion one — City of Albany TPS 3 Amendment 259 — Minister’s final approval of modified documents  
Telephone discussion two — Redhill site  
Meeting four — Cisco’s IT services; experiences in other Australian cities and internationally  
Telephone discussion three — Freeway Stops Australia  
Telephone discussion four — RC Developments (Freeway Stops Australia)  
Telephone discussion five — RC Developments  
Telephone discussion six — RC Developments
- (iv) Meeting one — No  
Meeting two — Yes — Michael Coleman and Greg Rowe  
Meeting three — No  
Telephone discussion one — No  
Telephone discussion two — No  
Meeting four — No  
Telephone discussion three — No  
Telephone discussion four — No  
Telephone discussion five — No  
Telephone discussion six — No
- (v) Meeting one — Lorissa Kelly, Dean Smith and Fay Duda  
Meeting two — Lorissa Kelly, Dean Smith, Michael Coleman, Greg Rowe and Johan Gildenhuis  
Meeting three — Lorissa Kelly and Dean Smith  
Telephone discussion one — Emma Thunder and Dean Smith  
Telephone discussion two — Johan Gildenhuis and Dean Smith  
Meeting four — Tjorn Sibma and Dean Smith  
Telephone discussion three — Tjorn Sibma and Dean Smith  
Telephone discussion four — Tjorn Sibma and Dean Smith  
Telephone discussion five — Tjorn Sibma and Dean Smith  
Telephone discussion six — Tjorn Sibma and Dean Smith

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6868. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister’s office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith’s company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

For staff of the Ministerial Office as at 24 November:

- (a) (i)–(v) Email exchange between Tara Paparone and Fay Duda on 22nd March regarding a meeting request.
- Email exchange between Tara Paparone and Fay Duda on 21st April regarding a need to reschedule a previously agreed upon date.
- Meeting on 2nd June concerning Panoramic Resources' mining operations. Attendees were Mr Dean Smith, Mr Chris Williams, Mr David Swain, Dr Ross Field PSM, Minister Collier, Darren Brown and Debra Bentley.
- Email exchange between Tara Paparone and Fay Duda on 13th June regarding a meeting request.
- Email exchange between Fay Duda and Debra Bentley on 24th June regarding a meeting request.
- Meeting on 22nd August involving a discussion about iron ore exploration and mining on Irvine Island. Attendees were Mr Dean Smith, Ms Pamela Kaye, Minister Collier, Darren Brown and Debra Bentley.
- Email exchange between Fay Duda and Debra Bentley on 28th June regarding a meeting request.
- Email exchange between Debra Bentley and Fay Duda on 5th and 6th July regarding a meeting request.
- Phone call from Mr Dean Smith for Debra Bentley on 2nd November, message left.
- Phone call from Dr Ross Field PSM for Debra Bentley on 4th November, message left.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6870. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 — 25 November 2011

The Minister may, from time to time, meet Mr Dean Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meeting relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6871. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

- (a) No officers in the Ministerial Office have met with Mr Dean Smith, for any formal meetings or discussions, however from time to time, may meet with him in a social capacity.
- Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6854, for details of contact with representatives of Mr Smith's company.

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6872. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
- (i)–(v) Not applicable

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6873. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

Officers in Minister Marmion's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, [See paper 4390.]

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6874. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Smith or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there were no formal meetings.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6875. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if any officer in the Premier's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

It should be noted that administrative staff (i.e. receptionists, correspondence staff) are not listed below as they would have only had incidental contact. Contact below applies for formal forms of contact only between 1 January 2011 and 25 November 2011. Staff may have met representatives of GRA Everingham as incidental and irregular social contact in which case, it is not listed below.

- (a) (i) The following staff have had contact with representatives of GRA Everingham:
  - Mr B. Pontifex
  - Mr R. May
  - Mr J. Hammond PSM
  - Mr G. Wedgewood
  - Mr S. Helm
  - Mr Z. Kirkup
  - Mr R. Wilson and Mr C. Edwardes, no longer employed in the Office of the Premier have also met with representatives of GRA Everingham.
- (ii) Contact or meetings occurred on the following dates: 12 April 2011, 1 August 2011, 8 November 2011, 21 November 2011, 23 November 2011, 2 November 2011, 25 October 2011, 4 October 2011, 4 October 2011, 6 November 2011, 14 October 2011, 27 July 2011, 12 August 2011, 20 June 2011, 21 June 2011, 28 June 2011, 8 July 2011, 9 July 2011, 21 July 2011, 23 May 2011, 23 May 2011, 26 May 2011, 4 May 2011, 4 August 2011, 25 August 2011, 20 September 2011, 28 September 2011, 21 September 2011, 26 September 2011, 7 September 2011, 5 September 2011, 6 September 2011, 30 May 2011, 1 June 2011, 26 May 2011, 23 May 2011, 9 May 2011, 10 May 2011, 27 April 2011, 14 April 2011, 16 March 2011, 1 March 2011, 16 February 2011, 24 February 2011, 4 February 2011, 7 February 2011 and 11 January 2011.
- (iii) Bicycling WA, Retail trading hours, multiple contact relating to Ramsay Health -general update and Joondalup Health Campus, SERCO — general update, multiple contact relating to QR National — general discussions including activity in the Pilbara and Oakajee, multiple contact relating to North West Iron Ore Alliance — general discussions and progress, Harvey Water — update, multiple contact relating to Hewlett Packard — general discussions and efficiency dividend efforts, Veolia — general discussions, PBB Advisory — general discussions/update on company's business in WA, multiple contact relating to Bauxite Resources Ltd. — overview and meeting new Managing Director, multiple contact relating to Perdaman — Urea Project updates, Helena Water — water treatment plants, multiple contact relating to Eclipse Resources — meeting request with Premier (not pursued), multiple contact relating to Huwaei/Voiceone — telecommunications in regional areas, multiple contact relating to Extension Hill Pty. Ltd — FIRB, Conoco Phillips — exploration program, multiple contact relating to First Quantum — Esperance port, multiple contact relating to Newmont Mining Corporation — exploration access issues, General information relating to Alinta, Leighton Holdings — OHS Laws, Bulky Goods Retailers Association — retail trading, Coca-Cola Amatil, Carlson Wagonlit Travel — request for meeting — meeting request with Premier (not pursued).
- (iv)–(v) Meetings may have had representatives from aforementioned companies present however these do not have to be recorded in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Record of Contact with Lobbyist' forms.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6876. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if any officer in the Deputy Premier's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Deputy Premier's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below.

- (a) (i) Ian Wight–Pickin, Christian Allier and Satori Healey.
- (ii) 16 November 2011.
- (iii) Meeting with Amanda Reid of GRA Everingham to introduce representatives of Cason Wagonlit.
- (iv) Yes.
- (v) Andy O'Mara and Linda Adams.
- (a) (i) Ian Wight–Pickin.
- (ii) 17 May 2011.
- (iii) Inspector of Custodial Services Report.
- (iv) No.
- (v) Not applicable.

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6877. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

[See paper 4394.]

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6878. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);

- (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLES replied:

- (a) Yes
  - (i)–(iv) see table below

Name of Officer	Dates of contacts or meetings	Nature of discussion	Other people present	Names of other people present
Steve Imms	19 April, 3 May, 11 May, 18 May, 20 May and 25 May 2011	Emails regarding the Veteran Car Club WA Inc	No	Not Applicable.
Doug Cunningham	18 May, 01 November, 23 November 2011	Emails regarding the Veteran Car Club WA Inc and Huawei and Voice1Direct	No	Not applicable.
Jill Sounness	22 November 2011	Emails regarding Newmont Mining Corporation	No	Not Applicable.
Anita Mann	14 September, 04 October, 22 November 2011	Emails regarding Newmont Mining Corporation and Bauxite Resources Limited	No	Not applicable.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6880. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011 and reflects contact by current staff.

No.

- (a) (i)–(v) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6881. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Officers in Minister O'Brien's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings related to Government business:

[See paper 4402.]

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6882. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) Yes

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
Richard Lange	18 February 2011	Tendering of contracting out of speed camera operations.	No	N/A
Richard Lange and Anne Fergusson-Stewart	13 April 2011	General discussion re SAP and IT capabilities for Police.	Yes	CJ Halvorson, Richard Lange, and Anne Fergusson-Stewart
Richard Lange	24 June 2011	General discussions re SAP and IT capabilities for Police.	No	N/A

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6883. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

- (a) Telephone contact
- (i) Nick Sloan
  - (ii) 11 January 2011
  - (iii) Review of funding for cycling and cycling related activities in Western Australia
  - (iv) Not Applicable
  - (v) Not Applicable

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6884. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);

- (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 January 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

Officers in Hon John Day's Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below. Administration Officers have also emailed and telephoned members from GRA Everingham in line with their duties of setting up meetings, but not formally met with them.

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) Lorissa Kelly and Johan Gildenhuis
  - (ii) 2 November 2011
  - (iii) Discussion on North Bindoon resources
  - (iv) Yes
  - (v) Lorissa Kelly, Johan Gildenhuis, Jason Marocci and Chantelle O'Sullivan

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6885. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

For staff of the Ministerial Office as at 24 November 2011:

- (a) (i) Julie Lloyd, Tara Paparone, Amy Manners
- (ii)–(iv) 25th of March 2011: Email exchange with a representative of Mr Everingham's company to arrange a meeting on behalf of EnerNOC.  
12th – 27th July 2011: Email exchange regarding an invitation to a football game.  
26th August – 7th September 2011: Email exchange regarding an invitation to attend the launch of Laing O'Rourke's Reconciliation Action Plan.
- (v) 25th March 2011: Kareece van der Woude  
12th July 2011: Kareece van der Woude  
26th and 27th July: Kareece van der Woude  
26th August — 7th September 2011: Kareece van der Woude

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6887. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);

- (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

- (a) Nil
- (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6888. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

- (a) Yes
  - (i) Gary Brennan; Chief of Staff
  - (ii) 25 January 2011
  - (iii) Received an e-mail requesting a meeting with Chief of Staff regarding Forum of Regional Council (FORC).  
Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 7008, for further information.
  - (iv) Not applicable.
  - (v) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6889. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

Officers in the Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity, however for meetings relating to Government business please see below.

For the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Yes — Two meetings with Jason Marocchi, GRA Everingham.  
Meeting 1:
  - (i) Scott Mitchell, Ian Rotheram

- (ii) 17 March 2011
- (iii) Briefing on project to reduce salinity in Wellington Dam.
- (iv) Yes
- (v) Terry Redman (Minister for Agriculture and Food), Scott Mitchell (chief of staff), Ian Rotheram (senior policy advisor), Jason Marrochi (GRA Everingham), Ian Eckersley (Harvey Water), Geoff Calder (Harvey Water).

## Meeting 2:

- (i) Scott Mitchell, Jerome Partridge
- (ii) 23 March 2011
- (iii) Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison
- (iv) Yes
- (v) Scott Mitchell (chief of staff), Jerome Partridge (senior policy advisor), Jason Marocchi (GRA Everingham), Rob Ward (RBS), Diana Shmulburd (RBS).

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6890. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

Officers in Minister Marmion's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, [See paper 4391.]

## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6891. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if any officer in the Minister's office has had contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what is the name of the officer(s) who had the contact;
  - (ii) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (iii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iv) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (v) what were the names of all people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Officers in the Minister's office may, from time to time, meet Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there were no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6893. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Other than in a social capacity, could the Premier advise if the Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);

- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

The Premier may, from time to time, have met Hon. Bill Hassell, AM in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings between 1 January – 25 November 2011.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6894. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Other than in a social capacity, could the Deputy Premier advise if the Deputy Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Yes.

- (a) (i) 27 January 2011.
- (ii) Perth Radiation Oncology.
- (iii) Yes.
- (iv) Hon. Bill Hassell, Dr Chris Harper and Christian Allier.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6895. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

From 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011

Minister Moore may, from time to time, have met Hon. Bill Hassell in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to government business.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6896. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr B.J. GRILLS replied:

I have not met with Hon Bill Hassell in any formal capacity. He may however have been at the same events which I have attended between 01 January 2011 and 25 November 2011.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6897. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Hassell or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business since 1 January 2011 please see below.

- (a) Yes. I have met with the Hon Bill Hassell in his capacity as the Chairman of the Constitutional Centre.
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6898. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

Nil.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6899. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon Bill Hassell or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6900. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);

- (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Hassell or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6901. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon Bill Hassell or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6902. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 January 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Hassell or representatives in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to Government business.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6903. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) Nil

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6905. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

The Minister may, from time to time, meet Hon Bill Hassell or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meeting relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6906. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

- (a) (i)–(iv) In my role as the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, I have not met with Hon Bill Hassell or representatives of Hon Bill Hassell's company for any formal meetings or discussions, however from time to time, may meet with him in a social capacity.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6907. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6908. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon Hassell or representatives in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON BILL HASSELL

6909. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Other than in a social capacity, could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Bill Hassell or a representative of Hon Bill Hassell's company since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Hassell or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

No.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6910. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if the Premier has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

The Premier may, from time to time, have met Hon. Geoff Prosser in a social or Liberal Party capacity however there have been no formal meetings between 1 January – 25 November 2011.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6911. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if the Deputy Premier has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6912. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

From 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011

- (a) Minister Moore may, from time to time, have met Hon. Geoff Prosser or representatives of his company in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to government business.
- (i)–(iv) Not applicable

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6913. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLES replied:

- (a) I have not met with Hon Geoff Prosser in any formal capacity. He may however have been at the same events which I have attended between 01 September 2011 and 25 November 2011.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6914. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

Could the Treasurer advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Geoff Prosser or representatives in a social capacity or at meetings in which Mr Prosser attends in his capacity as President of the WA Division of the Liberal Party, however, for meetings relating to Government business since 1 September 2011 please see below.

- (a) No
  - (i)–(v) Not applicable

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6915. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011.

Nil.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6916. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Geoff Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6917. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6918. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6919. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 September 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to Government business.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6920. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a) (i)–(v) 1 January 2011 — 15 January 2011: Refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 4774.  
16 January 2011 — 24 November 2011: Nil

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6922. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

The Minister may, from time to time, meet Hon Geoff Prosser or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meeting relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6923. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011.

In my role as the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, I have not met with Hon Geoff Prosser or representatives of Hon Geoff Prosser's company for any formal meetings or discussions, however from time to time, may meet with him in a social capacity.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6924. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6925. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon Geoff Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH GEOFF PROSSER

6926. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Hon Geoff Prosser or a representative of Hon Geoff Prosser's company since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Prosser or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

No.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6927. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if the Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

The Premier may, from time to time, have met Hon. Santo Santoro in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings between 1 January – 25 November 2011.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6928. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if the Deputy Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Santoro or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6929. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

From 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011

- (a) Minister Moore may, from time to time, have met Hon. Santo Santoro in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to government business.
- (i)–(iv) Not applicable

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6930. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

- (a) I have not met with the Hon Santo Santoro in any formal capacity. He may however have been at the same events which I have attended between 01 September 2011 and 25 November 2011.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6932. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011.

Nil.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6933. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon Santo Santoro or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6934. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);

- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (i–iv) The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Santoro or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6935. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Santoro or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6936. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 September 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Santoro or representatives in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to Government business.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6937. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) Nil

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6939. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

The Minister may, from time to time, meet Hon Santo Santoro or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meeting relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6940. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011.

In my role as the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, I have not met with Hon Santo Santoro or representatives of Hon Santo Santoro's company for any formal meetings or discussions, however from time to time, may meet with him in a social capacity.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6941. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6942. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon Santoro or representatives in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH SANTO SANTORO

6943. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Hon Santo Santoro since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

No.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6944. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if the Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

The Premier may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings between 1 September – 25 November 2011.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6945. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if the Deputy Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6946. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);

- (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

From 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011

- (a)–(iv) The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei in a social capacity however, there have been no formal meetings with Mr Omodei as a lobbyist, relating to government business.

On the 11 November 2011 Minister Moore attended the Murchison Country Zone meeting of WALGA. Mr Omodei also attended this meeting as Shire Commissioner.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6947. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

- (a) I have not met with Mr Paul Omodei in any formal capacity. He may however have been at the same events which I have attended between 01 September 2011 and 25 November 2011.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6948. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

Could the Treasurer advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business since 1 September 2011 please see below.

- (a) No
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6949. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011.

Nil.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6950. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6951. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6952. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6953. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 September 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon. Paul Omodei or representatives in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to Government business.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6954. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) Nil

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6956. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6957. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the period of 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011.

- (a) (i)–(iv) I have not had any meetings with Mr Omodei in his capacity as a lobbyist. I have met with Mr Omodei in his capacity as Commissioner for the Shire of Cue.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6958. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 September 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil.
- (i)–(iv) Not applicable
- Mr Omodei is a constituent in the Minister's electorate and a prominent member of the local community and as a result the Minister may occasionally attend functions where Mr Omodei is also present.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6959. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Hon Paul Omodei or representatives in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH HON PAUL OMODEI

6960. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Paul Omodei since 1 September 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Omodei in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

No.

- (a) (a)–(iv) Not applicable.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6961. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if the Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

The Premier may, from time to time, have met Ms. Fay Duda in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings between 1 January – 25 November 2011.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6962. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if the Deputy Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. Hames replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms Duda or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6963. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

[See paper 4395.]

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6964. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

- (a) I have not met with Ms Fay Duda in any formal capacity. She may however have been at the same events which I have attended between 01 January 2011 and 25 November 2011. .

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6966. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

Nil.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6967. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms Fay Duda or representatives of Enhance Group or Smith Duda Consulting in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6968. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms. Duda or representatives on Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6969. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,

- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms Duda or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6970. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 January 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms. Duda or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below.

- (a) Yes, with a representative of Ms Duda's company.
  - (i) Monday 31 January 2011
  - (ii) Digital access in public spaces globally; Perth City Link/Perth Town Square and Waterfront development
  - (iii) Yes.
  - (iv) Les Williamson; Mark Patterson; Dean Smith; Sean Henriques; Tjorn Sibma; Johan Gildenhuys

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6971. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6988.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6973. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);

- (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms Fay Duda or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6974. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

In my role as the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, I have not met with Ms Duda or representatives of Ms Duda's company for any formal meetings or discussions, however from time to time, may meet with her in a social capacity.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6975. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6976. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms Duda in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, there have been no formal meetings.

For meetings with representatives of Enhance Group, please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6873.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH FAY DUDA

6977. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Ms Fay Duda, or a representative of Ms Duda's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Ms Duda or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

No.

- (a) (a)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6978. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if the Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

The Premier may, from time to time, have met Mr Dean Smith in a social capacity or at Liberal Party events, however there have been no formal meetings between 1 January – 25 November 2011.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6979. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if the Deputy Premier has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6980. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a)–(iv) Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice 6963.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6981. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

- (a) I have not met with Mr Dean Smith in any formal capacity. He may however have been at the same events which I have attended between 01 January 2011 and 25 November 2011.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6983. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

Nil.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6984. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group or Smith Duda Consulting in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6985. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Smith or representatives on Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6986. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6987. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 January 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) Monday 31 January 2011
  - (ii) Digital access in public spaces globally; Perth City Link/Perth Town Square and Waterfront development
  - (iii) Yes.
  - (iv) Les Williamson; Mark Patterson; Dean Smith; Sean Henriques; Tjorn Sibma; Johan Gildenhuys

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6988. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (i) 22nd August 2011 and 2nd June 2011
- (ii) 22nd August: The meeting concerned the exploration and mining of iron ore on Irvine Island.  
2nd June 2011: The mining operations of Panoramic Resources.
- (iii) Yes
- (iv) 22nd August 2011: Mr Dean Smith, Ms Pamela Kaye, Debra Bentley, and Darren Brown. 2nd June 2011: Mr Dean Smith, Chris Williams David Swain, Dr Ross Field PSM, Debra Bentley, and Darren Brown.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6990. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Dean Smith or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6991. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

In my role as the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, I have not met with Mr Smith or representatives of Mr Smith's company for any formal meetings or discussions, however from time to time, may meet with him in a social capacity.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6992. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

For the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011:

- (a) Nil
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6993. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Smith or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6873.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH DEAN SMITH

6994. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with registered lobbyist Mr Dean Smith, or a representative of Mr Smith's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Smith or representatives in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

No.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6995. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Could the Premier advise if the Premier has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,

- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

The Premier may, from time to time, have met Mr Paul Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity, for official meetings between the period 1 January – 25 November 2011:

- (a) (i) 12 August 2011
- (ii) General in nature
- (iii) Yes
- (iv) Alexander Temby representing GRA Everingham, Zak Kirkup from Premier's staff.

The Premier has also met Mr Paul Everingham in his capacity as Honorary Consul of France (Western Australia), as part of a meeting with Mr Bachir Bakhti, Consul General of France (New South Wales) on 25 February 2011.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6996. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

Could the Deputy Premier advise if the Deputy Premier has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

6997. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

(a)–(iv) [See paper 4396.]

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7000. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);

- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The following response is for the period 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

Nil.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7001. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Everingham or representatives on GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business please see below:

- (a) (i) 9 February 2011
- (ii) Bulky Goods
- (iii) Yes
- (iv) Keetha Wilkinson, Ben O'Rourke, Jason Marocchi, Philippa Kelly, Adam Lisle

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7002. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Everingham or representatives on GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7003. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however for meetings relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7004. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Date range for answering this Parliamentary Question is from 1 January 2011 until 25 November 2011 inclusive.

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Everingham or representatives on GRA Everingham in a social capacity however there have been no formal meetings relating to Government business.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7005. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a) (i) 30th July
- (ii) Attendance at a football game.
- (iii) Yes
- (iv) Andrea Mitchell MLA, Kempton Cowan, and Jason Marrochi..

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7007. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
  - (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

Between the 1 January 2011 – 25 November 2011

The Minister may, from time to time, meet Mr Paul Everingham or representatives of Enhance Group in a social capacity however for meeting relating to Government business there have been no formal meetings.

## MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7008. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,

- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

The following answer refers to the date period of 1 January 2011 to 25 November 2011.

- (a) Yes

(i)	(ii)	(iii)–(iv)
25 January 2011	E-mail received requesting a meeting regarding the Forum of Regional Council.	Not applicable.
2 March 2011	Meeting held to provide a summary of the purpose of Forum of Regional Council and proposal to seek support to form a committee to examine Local Government waste management strategies.	Yes. Jason Marocchi Gary Brennan; Chief of Staff Mayor R Norris CEO A Sheridan

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7009. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (a) Yes — one meeting.
- (i) 17 March 2011
  - (ii) Briefing on project to reduce salinity in Wellington Dam.
  - (iii) Yes
  - (iv) Terry Redman (Minister for Agriculture and Food), Scott Mitchell (chief of staff), Ian Rotheram (senior policy advisor), Jason Marrochi (GRA Everingham), Ian Eckersley (Harvey Water), Geoff Calder (Harvey Water).

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7010. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,
- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
  - (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
  - (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
  - (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The Minister may, from time to time, have met Mr Everingham or representatives of GRA Everingham in a social capacity however, for meetings relating to Government business, please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6890.

#### MINISTERS — CONTACT WITH PAUL EVERINGHAM

7011. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

Could the Minister advise if the Minister has had any contact with Mr Paul Everingham, or a representative of Mr Everingham's company, since 1 January 2011; and

- (a) if yes,

- (i) what were the dates of the contact(s) or meeting(s);
- (ii) what was the nature or subject of discussion during the contact(s) meeting(s);
- (iii) were other people present during the contact(s) or meeting(s); and
- (iv) what were the names of the people present?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

No.

- (a) (i)–(iv) Not applicable.

#### SOUTH HEDLAND AND PUNDULMURRA TAFE CAMPUSES — BUILDING MOULD

7012. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

Further to the ongoing issues with mould at the South Hedland and Pundulmurra campuses of the Pilbara Institute (ex TAFE), will the Minister advise:

- (a) what steps will the Minister take to ensure that all areas of both Pilbara Institute campuses are rendered completely free of all mould spores and related harmful bacteria as soon as possible;
- (b) will the Minister give an undertaking that during the summer holiday break, when the campuses are lightly staffed, that all areas of both Pilbara Institute campuses will be rendered completely free of all mould spores and related harmful bacteria; and
- (c) will the Minister immediately commission an independent expert to test and monitor both campuses before, during and after this clean up process to ensure that it has been completely and effectively undertaken, and if not, why not?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (a) Pilbara Institute has completed further extensive testing of both South Hedland and Pundulmurra Campuses on 13 November 2011. The results of this were that the majority of samples showed normal levels of mould. There were a number of areas that required attention, in response to this, Pilbara Institute has sealed two areas off and issued a tender to address the recommendations from the testing. This work is to be completed by mid-March 2012.
- (b) All of Pilbara Institutes testing has shown that apart from two rooms, all of the Institute has mould levels regarded as normal or consistent with outside mould levels.
- (c) Full and extensive testing has been carried out on both South Hedland and Pundulmurra Campuses by an expert contractor.

#### NORTH WEST HOUSING — INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASES

7013. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Treasurer

With reference to recent spikes in insurance renewals for Strata Titles above the 26th parallel as a result of last year's Queensland cyclone events, I ask;

- (a) is the Minister aware that a majority of insurance companies have increased premiums for Strata properties above a value of \$5 million in the North West by 800 per cent to 900 per cent; and
- (b) considering the flow on effect this will have on rent prices in the North West, will the Minister take immediate steps to secure the waiving of the extra costs associated with Western Australian State Government Duty for the extra cost of insurance premiums on these Strata Title properties as an incentive to further and continued investment in the North West, where affordable housing remains at a premium, and if not, why not?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (a) I am generally aware of large insurance premium increases on the back of recent natural disasters, including in the North West.
- (b) It is by no means clear that insurance duty relief would be an effective or appropriate response by the State Government. However, the State Government is engaged in the Commonwealth's consultation process on the recommendations of its recent independently-conducted Natural Disaster Insurance Review, which among other things focussed on the ability of private insurance markets to offer adequate and affordable insurance cover for floods and other natural disasters.

The State Government is also undertaking a range of initiatives to improve housing affordability throughout the State, including in the North West. These initiatives include the Pilbara Cities project.

More generally, it is negotiating with the Commonwealth to secure the retention by Western Australia of a fairer share of the benefits of economic activity in the North West, including through the GST Distribution Review.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7014. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Premier's portfolio of responsibilities?
- (2) What is the name of the staff member to whom the card is issued?
- (3) For each financial year since 2008/2009, what is the total amount spent on transactions per credit card issued to agency staff?
- (4) What is the total amount spent on all credit card transactions within the agency for each financial year since 2008/2009?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

- (1)–(4) This information is not readily accessible across Government. If the Member has a specific question relating to a specific agency, he is welcomed to ask the question of the relevant Minister or alternatively, submit a Freedom of Information application seeking access to the information.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7015. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Deputy Premier's portfolio of responsibilities?
- (2) What is the name of the staff member to whom the card is issued?
- (3) For each financial year since 2008/2009, what is the total amount spent on transactions per credit card issued to agency staff?
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Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7016. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
- (2) What is the name of the staff member to whom the card is issued?
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Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7017. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

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#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7018. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Treasurer's portfolio of responsibilities?
- (2) What is the name of the staff member to whom the card is issued?
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Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

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#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7019. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7020. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7021. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

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## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7022. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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- (3) For each financial year since 2008/2009, what is the total amount spent on transactions per credit card issued to agency staff?
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## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7023. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

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## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7024. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7026. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7027. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7028. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7029. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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Mr W.R. MARMION replied

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#### GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7030. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within each of the agencies within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities?
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- (3) For each financial year since 2008/2009, what is the total amount spent on transactions per credit card issued to agency staff?
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Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

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#### JOHN CURTIN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS — MUSIC FACILITIES

7031. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Education

I refer to funding for John Curtin College of the Arts, and to the specific issue of the temporary demountable that is housing the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) music students, school orchestra and school ensembles, and I ask:

- (a) will the temporary demountable be replaced with appropriate music facilities for these students;
- (b) will the Minister include funding for appropriate music facilities to be built at John Curtin College of the Arts in this year's budget, and if not, why not; and
- (c) will GATE music students at John Curtin College of the Arts receive facilities of a similar standard to those provided for GATE music students at Churchlands Senior High School?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (a) and (c)

The master plan for future development of the College that is currently being prepared includes the removal of temporary buildings. The design of new music facilities in the master plan would be to the Department of Education's standards. The school's specific needs would be identified in consultation with the school during the planning process when funding becomes available.

- (b) This information is Cabinet-in-Confidence.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7032. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

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Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

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MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7033. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within the Deputy Premier's Ministerial Office?
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MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7034. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

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7035. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

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MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7036. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

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MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7037. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

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Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

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MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7038. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7039. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7040. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

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Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7041. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within the Minister's Ministerial Office?
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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7042. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

- (1) As at 30 June 2011, how many credit cards were issued to staff within the Minister's Ministerial Office?
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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7044. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7045. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7046. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

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Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7047. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

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## MINISTERIAL OFFICES — CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO STAFF

7048. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

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Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (1)–(4) As part of the State Government's commitment to transparency and accountability, Ministerial Staff issued credit cards are identified in the quarterly tabled Ministerial Resourcing Report (i.e. tabled papers 2399, 2816, 2956, 3305, 3748 and 4205).

For any further information the Member desires, he is welcomed to submit a specific question on a specific query or alternatively, submit a Freedom of Information application seeking access to the information.

## PUBLIC HEALTH BILL

7050. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

On 22 February 2011 the Minister advised the House that the new Public Health Bill would come to Parliament before the end of the year. If the Bill will not be tabled in 2011, can the Minister advise when it will be tabled, and why there has been such a long delay?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

I expect that the Bill will be introduced in the first half of this year.

## SOUTH HEDLAND AND PUNDULMURRA CAMPUSES — BUILDING MOULD

7052. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

Further to the ongoing issues with mould at the South Hedland and Pundulmurra campuses of the Pilbara Institute (ex TAFE):

- (a) will the Minister put in place on site monitors and dehumidifiers at the Hedland campuses of the Pilbara Institute, like those in place at the South Hedland Police station, to ensure ongoing safety to people on campus, most especially those who report symptoms of being now sensitised to the moulds and bacteria present?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (a) Pilbara Institute has purchased portable humidity detectors and these have been distributed to Facilities Staff throughout the Institute. Facilities staff will monitor and address any issues that result as part of the process for using these detectors.

## SOUTH HEDLAND AND PUNDULMURRA CAMPUSES — BUILDING MOULD

7053. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

Further to the ongoing issues with mould at the South Hedland and Pundulmurra campuses of the Pilbara Institute (ex TAFE), is the Minister prepared to allow the campuses to continue in their current state?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

After extensive testing of both South Hedland and Pundulmurra Campuses it has been identified that the majority of the site has normal levels of mould. There were a number of areas that required attention. Where necessary areas have been sealed off. Pilbara Institute has issued a tender to address the recommendations from the testing. This work is to be completed by mid March 2012. As such the Institute's facilities are fit for purpose and can be used in their current state.

## PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

7054. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 5338 in which the Minister states that the total number of people associated with the wait list as at 30 April 2011 was 53,050, and I ask:

- (a) as at 30 November 2011, has this amount of 53,050 increased or decreased;
- (b) by how much has this amount of 53,050 people increased or decreased as at 30 November 2011; and
- (c) if the Minister refuses to answer (a) or (b), why does he refuse to answer these questions?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Liberal–National State Government has worked hard to reverse the neglect of social housing and general housing affordability by the previous Labor Government between 2001–2008. The former Labor Government failed to release land onto the market contributing to an almost 50 per cent increase in house prices. In relation to social housing, under the Labor Government the number of public rental dwellings increased by only 362 from June 2001 to June 2008.

Through sound policy initiatives and investment the Liberal–National Government has, since September 2008, increased social housing stock by more than 3000 houses, including working with the Commonwealth to deliver more than 2000 extra houses and refurbishing 1400 existing homes.

Despite the former Labor Government talking about it, but never delivering, the Liberal–National Government released the Housing Affordability Strategy, a new shared equity loan scheme and Keystart providing 2000 affordable home ownership opportunities for Western Australians on low to moderate incomes. The State Government has also entered into an agreement with a consortium of builders and land developers, to

deliver 450 off-the-plan affordable properties across the Perth metropolitan area for low to moderate income earners.

A total of 5000 new homes will also be delivered through the National Rental Affordability Scheme after Western Australia was allocated funding for an additional 2300 properties.

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) As at 31 December 2011, the amount of people associated with the wait list has decreased.
- (b) 1 761
- (c) Not Applicable

#### PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

7055. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 5338 in which the Minister states that the total number of people associated with the wait list as at 30 April 2011 was 53,050, and I ask:

- (a) as at 1 January 2012, has this amount of 53,050 increased or decreased;
- (b) by how much has this amount of 53,050 people increased or decreased as at 1 January 2012; and
- (c) if the Minister refuses to answer (a) or (b), why does he refuse to answer these questions?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Liberal–National State Government has worked hard to reverse the neglect of social housing and general housing affordability by the previous Labor Government between 2001–2008. The former Labor Government failed to release land onto the market contributing to an almost 50 per cent increase in house prices. In relation to social housing, under the Labor Government the number of public rental dwellings increased by only 362 from June 2001 to June 2008.

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A total of 5000 new homes will also be delivered through the National Rental Affordability Scheme after Western Australia was allocated funding for an additional 2300 properties.

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) As at 31 December 2011, the amount of people associated with the wait list has decreased.
- (b) 1 819
- (c) Not Applicable.

#### PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

7056. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

With reference to the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation as at 30 November 2011 could the Minister advise the number of:

- (a) applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation;
- (b) applicants on the wait-list per district;
- (c) spouses and/or partners associated with the number of applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation;
- (d) children and dependents associated with applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation;
- (e) applicants on the priority housing wait-list;
- (f) applicants on the priority housing wait-list per district;

- (g) spouses and/or partners associated with the number of applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation; and
- (h) children and dependents associated with applicants on the priority housing wait-list?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Liberal–National State Government has worked hard to reverse the neglect of social housing and general housing affordability by the previous Labor Government between 2001–2008. The former Labor Government failed to release land onto the market contributing to an almost 50 per cent increase in house prices. In relation to social housing, under the Labor Government the number of public rental dwellings increased by only 362 from June 2001 to June 2008.

Through sound policy initiatives and investment the Liberal–National Government has, since September 2008, increased social housing stock by more than 3000 houses, including working with the Commonwealth to deliver more than 2000 extra houses and refurbishing 1400 existing homes.

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A total of 5000 new homes will also be delivered through the National Rental Affordability Scheme after Western Australia was allocated funding for an additional 2300 properties.

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) As at 30 November 2011 there were 23 057 applicants on the waiting list.
- (b) Applicants on the waitlist per district:
  - Metro North 8 916
  - Metro Fremantle 3 527
  - Metro South East 4 750
  - Southern 619
  - South West 1 383
  - Goldfields 510
  - Mid West/ Gascoyne 994
  - Pilbara 781
  - Kimberley 1 230
  - Wheatbelt 347
- (c) 3 047
- (d) 23 009 children and dependents (as at 30 November 2011). (Includes dependent, adult non dependent children and shared custody children).
- (e) 3 092
- (f) Applicants on the priority housing waitlist per district:
  - Metro North 1 287
  - Metro Fremantle 593
  - Metro South East 499
  - Southern 101
  - South West 35
  - Goldfields 38
  - Mid West/ Gascoyne 85
  - Pilbara 145
  - Kimberley 261
  - Wheatbelt 48
- (g) 315
- (h) 3 450

#### PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

7058. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

With reference to the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation as at 1 January 2012 could the Minister advise the number of:

- (a) applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation;
- (b) applicants on the wait-list per district;
- (c) spouses and/or partners associated with the number of applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation;
- (d) children and dependents associated with applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation;
- (e) applicants on the priority housing wait-list;
- (f) applicants on the priority housing wait-list per district;
- (g) spouses and/or partners associated with the number of applicants on the wait-list for Department of Housing accommodation; and
- (h) children and dependents associated with applicants on the priority housing wait-list?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Liberal–National State Government has worked hard to reverse the neglect of social housing and general housing affordability by the previous Labor Government between 2001–2008. The former Labor Government failed to release

land onto the market contributing to an almost 50 per cent increase in house prices. In relation to social housing, under the Labor Government the number of public rental dwellings increased by only 362 from June 2001 to June 2008.

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A total of 5000 new homes will also be delivered through the National Rental Affordability Scheme after Western Australia was allocated funding for an additional 2300 properties.

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) As at 31 December 2011 there were 22 985 applicants on the waiting list, an overall reduction on the previous month.
- (b) Applicants on the waitlist per district:
  - Metro North 8 859
  - Metro Fremantle 3 512
  - Metro South East 4 755
  - Southern 614
  - South West 1 388
  - Goldfields 485
  - Mid West/ Gascoyne 1 008
  - Pilbara 786
  - Kimberley 1 241
  - Wheatbelt 337
- (c) 3 043
- (d) 23 019 children and dependents (as at 31 December 2011). (Includes dependent children, adult non dependent children and shared custody children).
- (e) 3 076
- (f) Applicants on the priority housing wait list per district:
  - Metro North 1 271
  - Metro Fremantle 592
  - Metro South East 516
  - Southern 92
  - South West 40

Goldfields 40  
 Mid West/ Gascoyne 84  
 Pilbara 143  
 Kimberley 258  
 Wheatbelt 40

- (g) 318
- (h) 3 444

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — UNDEVELOPED LAND

7059. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

As at 30 November 2011, could the Minister advise:

- (a) how many hectares of Department of Housing land remains undeveloped;
- (b) how many hectares of Department of Housing land remains undeveloped per metropolitan suburb;
- (c) how many hectares of Department of Housing land remains undeveloped in the regions outside the Perth metropolitan area;
- (d) what is the location of the land answered in response to (b) and (c);
- (e) how many hectares of underdeveloped land in the metropolitan does the Department hold in conjunction with any joint venture partners;
- (f) what is the location of the land referred to in (e);
- (g) how many hectares of underdeveloped land outside the metropolitan area does the Department hold in conjunction with any joint venture partners; and
- (h) what is the location of the land referred to in (g)?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Liberal–National State Government has worked hard to reverse the neglect of social housing and general housing affordability by the previous Labor Government between 2001–2008. The former Labor Government failed to release land onto the market contributing to an almost 50 per cent increase in house prices. In relation to social housing, under the Labor Government the number of public rental dwellings increased by only 362 from June 2001 to June 2008.

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The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) 5 327.0240 hectares throughout the State.
- (b) An average of 90.6 hectares within the Perth metropolitan area, as defined by the Metropolitan Region Scheme.
- (c) 2 337.1202 hectares outside the Perth metropolitan area which includes the Peel Region Scheme.
- (d)
  - (b) Alexander Heights
  - Ballajura
  - Caversham
  - Dianella
  - Girrawheen
  - Greenwood
  - Henley Brook
  - Joondalup
  - Kiara
  - Middle Swan

Midvale  
 Mirrabooka  
 Ridgewood  
 Stratton  
 West Swan  
 Whiteman  
 Banjup  
 Bertram  
 Coolbellup  
 Golden Bay  
 Hamilton Hill  
 Keralup  
 Kwinana Town Centre  
 Orelia  
 Parmelia  
 Rockingham  
 Cannington  
 Ferndale  
 Gosnells  
 Kenwick  
 Maddington  
 Seville Grove  
 Southern River

- (c) Albany  
 Katanning  
 Bunbury  
 Collie  
 Pemberton  
 Esperance  
 Geraldton  
 South Hedland
- (e) 1 310.6669 hectares.
- (f) Banskia Grove  
 Butler  
 Ellenbrook  
 Hammond Park  
 Wellard  
 Forrestdale  
 Harrisdale  
 Haynes  
 Hilbert
- (g) 381.9555 hectares.
- (h) Albany  
 Bayonet Head  
 Geraldton

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7066. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Premier's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Premier's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Premier's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011 based on RiskCover information as at 18 December 2011:

Office of the Premier:

- (a) \$4,091.00
- (b)–(c) Nil

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7067. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Deputy Premier's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Deputy Premier's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Deputy Premier's office since 1 July 2010?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011 based on RiskCover information as at 18 December 2011:

- (a) Nil.
- (b) \$5,944
- (c) Nil.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7068. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

On the 20th May 2011 a Government driver had a minor accident whilst driving Minister Moore's motor vehicle.

- (a) Nil (unfinalised claim)\*
- (b) \$73 (assessor's fee)\*
- (c) Nil

\* Information provided by Department of the Premier and Cabinet for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011, based on RiskCover information as at 18 December 2011.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7070. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and

- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (a) \$9 953 (where \$8 584 of this amount represents accidents which involved no fault on the part of the driver of vehicles allocated to the Minister's office).
- (b)–(c) Nil

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7071. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

For parts (a) and (b), the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011, based on Riskcover information as at 18 December 2011, has advised as follows:

- (a) Nil.
- (b) \$3 615.
- (c) As advised by the Department of Education Services these costs are \$2 369 and \$6 046 (the cost for the claim of \$6 046 is being recovered from the other party's insurer).

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7072. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011 based on RiskCover information as at 18 December 2011:

- (a)–(c) Nil

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7073. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011 based on RiskCover information as at 18 December 2011:

- (a) \$73
- (b) Nil.
- (c) \$73

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7076. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a)–(c) Nil

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7079. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr G.M. CASTRILLI replied:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet advises for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011 based on RiskCover information as at 18 December 2011:

- (a)–(b) Nil

Ministerial Office advises for the period 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2011 based on RiskCover information as at 18 December 2011:

- (c) Not applicable.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7081. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

(a)–(c) Nil.

#### MINISTERIAL OFFICES — VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR

7082. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

I refer to the repair of motor vehicles following traffic accidents in relation to those motor vehicles allocated to Ministers and Ministers' offices, and ask:

- (a) for those vehicles allocated to the Minister's office, what is the total cost of repairs to motor vehicles following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010;
- (b) what is the separate cost for all repairs to the Minister's car following traffic accidents since 1 July 2010; and
- (c) what is the separate cost for all repairs following traffic accidents to other cars allocated to staff or placements in the Minister's office since 1 July 2010?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

(a)–(c) Nil

#### KALEEYA HOSPITAL AND BENTLEY HEALTH SERVICE — OBSTETRIC SERVICES

7084. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Health

- (1) On what basis, hourly, daily, by caseload or other, are obstetricians at the Kaleeya Hospital paid to be on call, and if some other basis, please can the Minister please specify?
- (2) In respect of the above question, how much are obstetricians at Kaleeya Hospital paid to be on call?
- (3) Is it true that obstetricians at the Bentley Health Service are paid nothing to be on call and work on a fee for service system where they are only paid if they are called in?(4) What is the total amount of money paid to obstetricians at Bentley Health Service to be on call in each of 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (5) Does the Government intend to keep the obstetrics unit at Bentley Health Service open and operating over the next five years, and if not;
  - (a) why is the Government intending to close the obstetrics unit at Bentley Health Services; and
  - (b) when is the Government intending to close the obstetrics unit at Bentley Health Services;
- (6) What was the total budget for the obstetrics unit at Bentley Health Services in each of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (7) How much of the budget for the obstetrics unit at Bentley Health Services was actually spent (in percentage terms) in each of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (8) Was King Edward Memorial Hospital consulted in respect of planning obstetric services for South of the River, and
  - (a) if so, what was the nature of that advice; and (b) if not, why not;
- (9) How does the Health Department of Western Australia measure and compare the productivity of various hospitals and their cost efficiency?
- (10) Is the Government committed to operating Bentley Health Service in its current format into the future and if not, why not?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (1) Salaried consultants with a Kaleeya Hospital appointment are paid according to the 2011 Department of Health / Australian Medical Association Industrial Agreement — in which case the rates are as specified in the Agreement.  
Salaried consultants without a Kaleeya Hospital appointment perform only out-of-hours duties at Kaleeya, in which case the rates are negotiated.
- (2) Salaried consultants with a Kaleeya Hospital appointment the current on-call rate is \$17.51 per hour.  
Salaried consultants without a Kaleeya Hospital appointment the current on-call rate is \$125 per hour.  
For visiting Medical Practitioners (VMPs) there is no on-call payment for this category as the practitioners charge VMP fees.
- (3) The GP obstetricians who provide general obstetric services are paid on a fee for services basis only with no on call fees. The GPs provide ante natal care for these patients in their own rooms and then

manage the deliveries and post natal care for these patients on a roster with each doctor participating in a day on the roster. For the obstetricians who provide caesarean section cover they are paid an on call fee and then fee for service if called in for a procedure or to review a patient.

- (4) VMP clinicians are not generally paid on call fees as this forms part of the total VMP payment package and it is not possible to extract this from the total payments to the individual.
- (5) The Obstetrics unit at Bentley will continue to operate as it is currently until the obstetric unit at Fiona Stanley Hospital opens in 2014.
  - (a) A recent review of demand for maternity services suggests that the facilities planned at Fiona Stanley, Rockingham and Armadale hospitals will provide adequate access to birthing services.
  - (b) The demand at Bentley Hospital will be reviewed after Fiona Stanley Hospital opens in 2014, before making a final decision on the future of the service.
- (6) There is no separate budget for obstetrics but the total medical payments were made via VMP or salary in the following years:
  - 2007/08: VMP \$1,222,750
  - 2008/09: VMP \$1,401,000
  - 2009/10: VMP \$1,672,500 / Salary \$1,200
  - 2010/11: VMP \$1,718,000 / Salary \$3,800
  - 2011/12: VMP \$921,555 / Salary \$13,000
- (7) 100%
- (8) (a)–(b) The South Metropolitan Area Health Service (SMAHS) has taken the unique opportunity with the opening of Fiona Stanley and the changing roles of hospitals across the SMAHS in line with the Clinical Services Framework 2010–2020 to invite clinician input into the process and design of the service beyond 2014. Obstetrics and Gynaecology comprise one of the clinical clusters and the clinical lead for this cluster is a senior obstetric consultant at King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH). A review is currently being undertaken of how obstetric services are delivered across SMAHS.
- (9) The Department of Health uses data to display a range of Key Performance Indicators. This de-identified data is used to compare the performance of hospitals of a similar size and structure in Australia and New Zealand across a wide range of parameters. This gives a much clearer picture of total hospital performance nationally and is a far better measure than comparing hospital A and B in Perth alone.
- (10) The Government is committed to continuing to operate the Bentley Health Service now and into the future and it has a defined role in the Clinical Services Framework 2010–2020.

#### HOSPITALS — AMBULANCE RAMPING

7085. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister please provide a breakdown of the total hours ambulances were ramped each day in October 2011 to date for each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Armadale–Kelmescott;
- (b) Fremantle;
- (c) Joondalup;
- (d) King Edward;
- (e) Princess Margaret;
- (f) Rockingham;
- (g) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (h) Sir Charles Gairdner; and
- (i) Swan District?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (a)–(i) [See paper 4398.] for October 2011 ramping data.

For ramping data from November 2011 to January 2012 please see Legislative Assembly question on notice 7086.

## HOSPITALS — AMBULANCE RAMPING

7086. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister please provide a breakdown of the total hours ambulances were ramped each day in November 2011 to date for each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Armadale–Kelmscott;
- (b) Fremantle;
- (c) Joondalup;
- (d) King Edward;
- (e) Princess Margaret;
- (f) Rockingham;
- (g) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (h) Sir Charles Gairdner; and
- (i) Swan District?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (a)–(i) [See paper 4399.] for November and December 2011, and January 2012 ramping data.

## SCHOOLS — GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM COST

7087. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Education

I refer to the heading ‘repairs, maintenance and minor works’ on page 114 of the 2010–2011 Department of Education Annual Report and I ask;

- (a) how much money was spent to fix damage to schools caused by graffiti, etching or vandalism in 2010–2011 and 2009–2010;
- (b) for each of the amounts in (a):
  - (i) how much was spent in primary metropolitan schools;
  - (ii) how much was spent in secondary metropolitan schools;
  - (iii) how much was spent in primary regional schools; and
  - (iv) how much was spent in secondary regional schools; and
- (c) which school required the most money for repairs and works caused by graffiti, etching or vandalism and how much money was required?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The Department does not breakdown damage into these categories. They are recorded as wilful damage.

- (a) The Department of Education has advised that \$9.6 million was spent addressing wilful damage in public schools in 2009–2010 and \$6.2 million in 2010–2011.
- (b) Amounts spent to fix wilful damage were as follows:
  - (i) Primary metropolitan schools: \$3.8 million in 2009–2010 and \$2.9 million in 2010–2011.
  - (ii) Secondary metropolitan schools: \$2 million in 2009–2010 and \$2 million in 2010–2011.
  - (iii) Primary regional schools: \$3.2 million in 2009–2010 and \$697 000 in 2010–2011.
  - (iv) Secondary regional schools: \$642 000 in 2009–2010 and \$606 000 in 2010–2011.
- (c) The highest wilful damage costs in 2009–2010 were incurred at Wilson Park Primary School (\$2.2 million primarily as a result of arson).

The highest wilful damage costs in 2010–2011 were incurred at Hamilton Senior High School (\$350 000 primarily as a result of arson).

## PUBLIC HOUSING — MINISTER’S CORRESPONDENCE

7088. Mr M.P. Whitely to the Minister for Housing

On 8 April 2011 a constituent, Beryl Large, wrote to the Minister regarding a Department of Housing tenancy which was causing concern for local residents, and I ask when will my constituent receive a response?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

The Premier responded on 18 July 2011.

## BENNETT BROOK NYUNGAR CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCEPT PLAN

7089. Mr M.P. Whitely to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce

Given advice from the Minister in June that the Bennett Brook Nyungar Cultural and Environmental Concept Plan Report was almost finalised, I ask:

- (a) has the Bennett Brook Nyungar Cultural and Environmental Concept Plan gone to Cabinet; and
- (b) when is it anticipated that the Bennett Brook Nyungar Cultural and Environmental Concept Plan will be released?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

- (a)–(b) Timing of release of a concept plan is yet to be determined.

## CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ACT 2004 — APPLICATIONS

7090. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the Construction Contracts Act 2004 and matters accepted for decision by the adjudicators, and I ask

- (a) how many applications which have been assessed by the adjudicators since 23 September 2008 have concerned claims of over \$1m;
- (b) of the applications in (a), on how many occasions did the adjudicator decline to meet with both parties involved in the dispute;
- (c) how many applications in (a) have been subsequently referred to the State Administrative Tribunal, and what were the outcomes of these referrals; and
- (d) what actions can aggrieved defendants take to have adverse findings by adjudicators against them reviewed?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

- (a) The Building Commission's records indicate that from the period starting September 2008 to June 2011 there has been 59 applications for adjudication with claims of over \$1m.
- (b) An adjudicator may request parties to attend a conference with the adjudicator in order to obtain sufficient information to make a determination (section 32(2)(b)). There is no provision that allows the parties to request a conference. Details of any conference would be noted in the adjudication; however, this data as a matter of practice is not reported.
- (c) The Commission has identified 4 adjudications with claims over \$1million, which were dismissed by the adjudicator on the basis of these jurisdictional issues, and were subsequently reviewed by SAT — those reviews by SAT are summarised as follows:
  1. GEORGIU GROUP PTY LTD v MCC MINING (WA) PTY LTD [2011] WASAT 120 (this involved two applications for review to SAT), which ordered that the decision of the adjudicator, Mr Philip Loots, to dismiss parts of the application for adjudication reflected in the determination dated 8 December 2010 is affirmed and the application for review is otherwise dismissed (adjudicator not required to make a determination under s36).
  2. MCC MINING (WA) PTY LTD and THIESS PTY LTD [2010] WASAT 140 — SAT dismissed the application for review.
  3. MERYM PTY LTD and METHODISTLADIESCOLLEGE[2008] WASAT 164 — SAT dismissed this application for review.
  4. MARINE & CIVIL BAUER JOINT VENTURE and LEIGHTON KUMAGAI JOINT VENTURE [2005] WASAT 269 — SAT reversed the adjudicator's decision and the matter was referred back to the adjudicator to make a determination under s 31(2)(b).
- (d) Determinations, which have been decided by an adjudicator, are not subject to appeal or review. The Act provides that a decision of an adjudicator cannot be appealed or reviewed (section 46(3)), unless the adjudicator dismissed an application to review a payment dispute under section 31(2)(a)(i) to (iv) on the basis that the application (respectively): did not concern a construction contract; was not prepared and served correctly; a binding decision (i.e. court, arbitrator) has already been made on the matter; or the matter was too complex to determine fairly made — in which case a person who is aggrieved by that decision may apply to the State Administrative Tribunal for a review of that decision.

In any case, an applicant or respondent may have any contract, or provision thereof, reviewed by an arbitrator or court, irrespective of the payment dispute.

## KOOLBARDI EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL, COLLIE

7091. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

In relation to the Koolbardi Early Childhood School, which is an Aboriginal Pre-School in Collie that supports Aboriginal Children located at Amaroo Primary School, I ask:

- (a) how much funding has been allocated for the 2012 school year;
- (b) how many teachers will be attached to Koolbardi next year;
- (c) what specific programs are going to be offered in 2012;
- (d) will the Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ATAS) continue to operate next year and will it be provided for students attending Koolbardi;
- (e) will Koolbardi be opened the same amount of days and for the same times as other pre-primary schools;
  - (i) if not, why not;
- (f) will the school bus still be attached to Koolbardi, and if so;
  - (i) will it be available to take the children to and from school; and
  - (ii) will it be used to transport children with disabilities to after school activity programs?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the Department of Education as follows:

- (a)–(b) Funding for the 2012 school year will be in the form of a 0.7 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) teacher, 0.6 FTE Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer and a 0.6 FTE education assistant.
- (c) A Kindergarten program of 15 hours will be offered in 2012.
- (d) The Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ATAS) is operating in 2012. However, ATAS is available to students in Years 4 to 12.
- (e) The Koolbardi Aboriginal Kindergarten provides a Kindergarten program, not Pre-Primary. The Koolbardi Aboriginal Kindergarten will be open for four days per week and will deliver a 15-hour Kindergarten program. Program times will be the same as those offered in 2011. All other Kindergartens in the South West will deliver 15-hour Kindergarten programs in 2012.
  - (i) Not applicable.
- (f) Amaroo Primary School leases a bus which is available for use by the Koolbardi Aboriginal Kindergarten. The school administration will make decisions regarding the use of the bus in consultation with the community.

## KWINANA ELECTORATE — CRIMINAL OFFENCES

7092. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Police

Can the Minister provide a breakdown in the number of offences for the following categories in the past 12 months for each suburb in the Kwinana electorate:

- (a) Homicide;
- (b) Recent Sexual Assault;
- (c) Historical Sexual Assault;
- (d) Domestic Assault;
- (e) Non-Domestic Assault;
- (f) Threatening Behaviour;
- (g) Deprivation of Liberty;
- (h) Robbery (Business);
- (i) Robbery (Non-Business);
- (j) Burglary (Dwelling);
- (k) Burglary (Non-Dwelling);
- (l) Motor Vehicle Theft;
- (m) Burglary (Dwelling);
- (n) Burglary (Non-Dwelling);

- (o) Motor Vehicle Theft;
- (p) Theft;
- (q) Arson;
- (r) Property Damage;
- (s) Drugs(Traffic);
- (t) Drugs(Possess);
- (u) Receiving/Illegal Use;
- (v) Fraud;
- (w) Graffiti; and
- (x) Breach of Restraint?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a)–(x) [See paper 4400.]

#### KWINANA ELECTORATE — PUBLIC HOUSING

7093. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Housing

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown in the number of State Housing dwellings that exist in each suburb in the Kwinana electorate?
- (2) Can the Minister provide figures on planned future State Housing dwellings for the Kwinana electorate by suburb?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (1) As at 30 December 2011 (figures based on Local Government Area):

Bertram 12  
 Calista 50  
 Leda 57  
 Medina 70  
 Naval Base 1  
 Orelia 144  
 Parmelia 169  
 Wellard 23  
 (2) 2011/2012:  
 Leda 2  
 Medina 2  
 Orelia 29

The Member's support for the increase in the number of social housing in his electorate is welcome.

#### COLLIE SCHOOLS — FUNDING

7094. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

In relation to school funding, I ask,

- (a) can the Minister provide the total amount of money that has been expended by the State Government, the Federal Government, and separately include the Federally funded Building the Education Revolution (BER) program during 2010–2011 for the schools listed;
  - (i) Amaroo Primary School, Collie;
  - (ii) Fairview Primary School, Collie;
  - (iii) Allanson Primary School, Collie; and
  - (iv) Collie Senior High School;
- (b) how much has been expended on capital works upgrades for each of these schools;
- (c) how much has been expended on general maintenance for each of these schools; and
- (d) how much has been expended on special learning programs for each of these schools?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

(a)–(d) Amounts provided are for the 2010–11 financial year [See paper 4384.]

WATER CORPORATION — CUSTOMER PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES

7095. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water

I ask for each of the years 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 and for all suburbs in the North West Metropolitan Region:

- (a) how many ‘restriction of supply’ notices have been issued to Water Corporation customers;
- (b) how many Water Corporation customers have requested a payment plan;
- (c) how many Water Corporation customers have entered into a payment plan;
- (d) how many customers have been pursued through legal avenues over non-payment of bills; and
- (e) how many applications for the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme have been received by the Water Corporation and how many applications have been approved?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a)–(d) [See paper 4392.]
- (e) Not applicable. The Department for Child Protection is the agency which receives and approves applications for the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme.

WATER CORPORATION — CUSTOMER PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES

7096. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water

I ask for each of the years 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 and for all suburbs in the Perth South East Metropolitan area:

- (a) how many ‘restriction of supply’ notices have been issued to Water Corporation customers;
- (b) how many Water Corporation customers have requested a payment plan;
- (c) how many Water Corporation customers have entered into a payment plan;
- (d) how many customers have been pursued through legal avenues over non-payment of bills; and
- (e) how many applications for the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme have been received by the Water Corporation and how many applications have been approved?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a)–(e) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 7095.

WATER CORPORATION — CUSTOMER PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES

7097. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water

I ask for each of the years 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 and for all suburbs in the Perth Central Metropolitan area:

- (a) how many ‘restriction of supply’ notices have been issued to Water Corporation customers;
- (b) how many Water Corporation customers have requested a payment plan;
- (c) how many Water Corporation customers have entered into a payment plan;
- (d) how many customers have been pursued through legal avenues over non-payment of bills; and
- (e) how many applications for the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme have been received by the Water Corporation and how many applications have been approved?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a)–(e) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 7095.

BREASTSCREEN — REMINDER LETTERS

7098. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Health

Why does Breastscreen not issue reminders for screening mammograms after women turn 70?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

As at 17 January 2012, BreastScreen WA does not send reminders to women over 70 as, to date, there has not been robust medical evidence that women over the age of 70 benefit from participating in the mammographic screening program.

BreastScreen WA encourages asymptomatic women over 70 to discuss their screening needs with their General Practitioner (GP), in order to make their own decision if screening is suitable for their health circumstances. BreastScreen WA also urges all women of any age with symptoms that may be due to breast cancer to see their GP as soon as possible.

With the BreastScreen Consumer Reference Group, information for women 70 years and over has been developed about the availability of free screening in addition to resources such as the “Little Pink Book”, which serves as an aide memoir to remind women of their screening anniversary dates.

BreastScreen WA also regularly advertises in seniors’ oriented community newsletters that women over the age of 70 are welcome to attend BreastScreen WA for a free screening mammogram every two years.

#### WATER CORPORATION — CUSTOMER PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES

7099. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water

I ask for each of the years 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 and for all suburbs in the Perth South Metropolitan area:

- (a) how many ‘restriction of supply’ notices have been issued to Water Corporation customers;
- (b) how many Water Corporation customers have requested a payment plan;
- (c) how many Water Corporation customers have entered into a payment plan;
- (d) how many customers have been pursued through legal avenues over non-payment of bills; and
- (e) how many applications for the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme have been received by the Water Corporation and how many applications have been approved?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a)–(e) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 7095.

#### WATER CORPORATION — CUSTOMER PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES

7100. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water

I ask for each of the years 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 and for all suburbs in the Perth West Metropolitan area:

- (a) how many ‘restriction of supply’ notices have been issued to Water Corporation customers;
- (b) how many Water Corporation customers have requested a payment plan;
- (c) how many Water Corporation customers have entered into a payment plan;
- (d) how many customers have been pursued through legal avenues over non-payment of bills; and
- (e) how many applications for the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme have been received by the Water Corporation and how many applications have been approved?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a)–(e) Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 7095.

#### CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ACT 2004 — REVIEW

7101. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce

In reference to the Construction Contracts Act 2004, I ask:

- (a) Is the Minister aware that Section 56. Review of Act, states as soon as practicable after the fifth anniversary of its commencement, the Minister must review the operation and effectiveness of this Act and prepare a report about the review; and
- (b) why has the Minister failed to review the Act?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

- (a) Yes. Section 56 of the Construction Contracts Act 2004 provides a trigger which allows for a review after the fifth anniversary of its commencement — July 2005 to July 2010.

The Act has been working well in providing an effective and efficient mechanism, as an alternative to more expensive and time consuming arbitration and litigation, for resolving payments disputes between contracting parties in the construction sector.

The Annual report, which is required by section 52 of the Act and is published on the Building Commission website, in itself provides relevant information relating to the operation and effectiveness of the Act.

- (b) The review of the Act has been held over to allow the new building legislation, including the Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Act 2011 to come into effect. This allows the review, which will commence in 2012, to take place in the context of a reformed framework of building regulation.

#### YULE RIVER — SAND MINE PROPOSAL

7102. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Water

Regarding the proposal to establish a sand mine on the Yule River near Port Hedland by Dumpna Pty Ltd, I ask:

- (a) with a minimum of 5 departments and agencies involved in the approval process for this sand mine, will the Minister take the lead in ensuring that the relevant representative officers from each of these departments and agencies meet urgently to ensure that due diligence is exercised in the review of Dumpna's mining proposal;
- (b) will the Minister verify that the locations for groundwater monitoring bores have been specifically laid out for Dumpna Pty Ltd by officers of either the Minister's departments, or the Department for Mines and Petroleum; and
- (c) bearing in mind that Dumpna currently holds sand mining leases at an alternative site at Turner River, 30 kilometres from the Yule River, and that the Turner River does not supply drinking water to Port Hedland, will the Minister ensure that every possible check is made of this proposal before this P1 drinking water source is possibly put at risk, and if not, why not?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a) The lead agency responsible for coordinating the assessment and approval of this proposal is the Department of Mines and Petroleum for the Minister for Mines.
- (b) The Department of Water will advise the Department for Mines and Petroleum of appropriate locations during the assessment process.
- (c) Yes
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