

“PERTH AND PEEL@3.5 MILLION”

**241. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the minister’s answer to my question without notice 219, asked yesterday, concerning the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Western Australian Planning Commission strategic planning document titled “Perth and Peel@3.5 million”.

- (1) Can the minister confirm whether the WAPC undertook any low, mid-range and/or high-range population projections in the preparation of the document titled “Perth and Peel@3.5 million”, which was published in March 2018?
- (2) If yes, what were those projections and where does the 3.5 million population figure feature within the range; and, if no alternate projections were made, why not?
- (3) Given that the “Perth and Peel@3.5 million” projection is based on the document titled “Directions 2031 and Beyond”, which was published in 2010, and the Western Australia Tomorrow series, the most recent instalment being in 2016, is there any intention on behalf of the minister or the WAPC to revise and update the assumptions of the “Perth and Peel@3.5 million” strategic planning document?
- (4) If yes to (3), when will this revision occur?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The population of 3.5 million was derived from the long-term projections for Western Australia, which included low, medium and high growth scenarios. The long-term population forecasts were based on the Western Australia Tomorrow “Population Report No. 9”, which is available on the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage website. If the honourable member cannot access that report, he should see me behind the Chair.

**Hon Tjorn Sibma:** It is dated 2005, so I know the document.

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON:** Okay, but if the honourable member cannot access it, see me behind the Chair.

- (2) Population projections cited in the document were derived from the medium growth scenario.
- (3)–(4) As stated on page 8 of the “Perth and Peel@3.5 million” document, it will be reviewed after three years.