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1310. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

1328. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

1339. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

1345. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs; Tourism; Culture and the Arts

1356. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt

1367. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

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1427. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt

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1458. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

1463. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

1471. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

1472. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

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1473. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

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1476. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

1477. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works

1478. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works

1479. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment

1480. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

1481. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Community Development

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1483. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

1484. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

1485. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Corrective Services

1486. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

1488. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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1489. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Corrective Services

1490. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Housing and Works

1491. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Housing and Works

1492. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Attorney General

1493. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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1494. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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1495. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

1496. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

1497. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

1498. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

1500. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

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1503. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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1505. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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1507. Dr J.M. Edwards to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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1509. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer

1510. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

1511. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

Wednesday, 27 September 2006

1512. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

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1515. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Community Development

1516. Dr E. Constable to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

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1538. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Land Information

1539. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

1540. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Health

Thursday, 28 September 2006

1541. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

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1550. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer

Questions listed for this sitting: -

1551. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

I refer to the progress report provided to the Minister on the Health Reform Committee dated 27 February 2004 (Ref No. 4-25984) which stated -

“ It is estimated that successful implementation of all of the Committee’s recommendations would result in an average of around two percentage points per annum reduction in the growth in health expenditure over the initial five years to 2007/08.

It is anticipated that the reduced recurrent expenditure growth can be sustained beyond 2007/08. However it should be noted that the financial modelling which underpins the Committee’s costings has focussed more heavily on the first five years of reform, and thus the financial projections for the longer term will need to be reviewed in coming years.”

and ask will the Minister advise as to whether those savings have been realised and if not, why not?

1552. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

(1) When a mental health patient presents at an emergency department of a public hospital, what is the process of assessment and who must they see before -

(a) admission; or

(b) discharge?

(2) Is there a policy requiring mental health patients to be seen by a psychiatrist within 24 hours while waiting for admission to a hospital?

(3) If yes to (2), what is that policy?

(4) If no to (2), why not?

(5) Is there a mandatory standard procedure used across public hospitals for conducting mental state assessments and risk management for patients with a mental illness?

- (6) If yes to (5), what is that procedure?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?
- (8) What is the procedure for having a mental health patient admitted to hospital as an involuntary patient?
- (9) What review is made of the decision to admit a mental health patient as involuntary?
- (10) What is the procedure to have an involuntary mental health patient reclassified as a voluntary patient?
- (11) What review is made of the decision to reclassify an involuntary patient to voluntary status?
- (12) What is the procedure to admit a mental health patient voluntarily?
- (13) What review is made of the decision to admit a mental health patient voluntarily?
- (14) What is required for a voluntary mental health patient to be reclassified as involuntary?
- (15) What is the procedure for review of a decision to reclassify a voluntary mental health patient as involuntary?
- (16) What protection is provided to ensure that an -
 - (a) involuntary; or
 - (b) voluntary,
 mental health patient does not go missing from a public hospital?

1553. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise what is the procedure for sharing information regarding a mental health patient between hospitals -
 - (a) intrastate; and
 - (b) interstate?
- (2) What family members or others would be asked for information to help obtain a mental history of a mental health patient being assessed in a hospital?
- (3) Is there a Health Department procedure in place to notify family members of mental health patients who have gone missing from a hospital that they are admitted to -
 - (a) for voluntary patients; or
 - (b) for involuntary patients?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), what is it?
- (6) If yes to (3), are all public hospitals required to operate under this procedure?
- (7) What mandatory standard procedure is used for each of the public hospitals for conducting risk assessments when a patient goes missing and what standard risk management practices are used in responding to a patient who is discovered to be missing as a -
 - (a) voluntary patient; or
 - (b) involuntary patient?
- (8) Are missing mental health patients reported to the police?
- (9) If yes to (8), under what power does this occur?

- (10) If no to (8), why not?
- (11) If yes to (8), how long after the patient goes missing are they reported and what is the procedure used?

1554. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise which public hospitals in the metropolitan area have mental health beds?
- (2) How many mental health beds were available per hospital for each of the hospitals mentioned in (1) for -
 - (a) 2006/2007;
 - (b) 2005/2006;
 - (c) 2004/2005;
 - (d) 2003/2004; and
 - (e) 2002/2003?
- (3) What was the adult population in Western Australia in 1994 when Heathcote Hospital closed and how many mental health beds were available at that time?
- (4) What is the current adult population in Western Australia and how many mental health beds are currently available?
- (5) Which private hospitals in the metropolitan area have mental health beds?
- (6) How many private mental health beds are available per hospital for each of the hospitals mentioned in (5)?
- (7) How many -
 - (a) Psychiatrists;
 - (b) Psychiatric registrars; and
 - (c) Psychiatric interns,are employed at each of the hospitals identified in (1)?
- (8) How many mental health nurses working in mental health are employed in each of the hospitals identified in (1) for the years identified in (2)?
- (9) How many mental health patients who have presented to an emergency department have waited for longer than -
 - (a) 6 hours;
 - (b) 12 hours;
 - (c) 18 hours;
 - (d) 24 hours;
 - (e) 72 hours to one week; or
 - (f) one week,for a mental health bed, per hospital for each hospital listed in (1) in -
 - (i) January to March 2005;
 - (ii) April to June 2005;

- (iii) July to September 2005;
- (iv) October to December 2005;
- (v) January to March 2006; and
- (vi) April to June 2006?

(10) How many non-emergency patients waited for longer than -

- (a) 6 hours,
- (b) 12 hours,
- (c) 18 hours,
- (d) 24 hours,
- (e) 72 hours to one week; or
- (f) one week,

for a mental health bed, per hospital for each hospital listed in (1) in -

- (i) January to March 2005;
- (ii) April to June 2005;
- (iii) July to September 2005;
- (iv) October to December 2005;
- (v) January to March 2006; and
- (vi) April to June 2006?

(11) How many mental health outpatient clinics are available for patients in the metropolitan area?

(12) Where are the clinics referred to in (11) located?

(13) How many mental health outpatients waited longer than -

- (a) one week;
- (b) two weeks;
- (c) three weeks; or
- (d) four weeks,

for an appointment, per clinic in each of the outpatient clinics referred to in (11), annually for each of the past five years?

1555. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Public Sector Management

In regard to the recent pay increase given to Public Servants in Western Australia would the Minister please advise -

- (a) will the same pay increase be provided to electorate staff as has been the case previously;
- (b) if not, why not; and
- (c) if yes, when can electorate staff anticipate being given the pay increase?

1556. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

- (1) What were the various sources of income for Tourism WA for the 2005/06 financial year and what was the exact nature and amount of income from each source?
- (2) What was the amount of Federal income and wholesale taxes, State taxes, local government rates or any other rates, taxes or charges for the income generated by Tourism WA for the 2005/06 financial year?
- (3) What are the explicit or implicit government guarantees on debts for Tourism WA?
- (4) What is the exact nature and amount of the grants and subsidies received by Tourism WA over the 2005/06 financial year?
- (5) What was the exact nature and amount of the resources received free-of-charge by Tourism WA in the 2005/06 financial year?

1557. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

What was the exact nature of the work conducted in the 2005/06 financial year for Tourism WA by -

- (a) M Media Group;
- (b) Compac Marketing;
- (c) Zed Media Ltd;
- (d) Marketforce Productions;
- (e) Media Decisions WA;
- (f) Media Com;
- (g) Jaz Creative;
- (h) Bac Productions;
- (i) Patterson Market Research;
- (j) CRC For Sustainable Tourism;
- (k) Nielsen/Netratings;
- (l) Market Equity Pty Ltd;
- (m) Roy Morgan Research Pty Ltd;
- (n) Intrepid Australia Pty Ltd;
- (o) ABS;
- (p) Market United Pty Ltd;
- (q) Impact Publications;
- (r) Media Decisions;
- (s) The Ten Group Ltd;
- (t) Mediacorp Publishing Pte Ltd;
- (u) Australia Travel Publishing;
- (v) Traveltalk Asia Pacific;
- (w) Countrywide Publications;
- (x) Rural Press Regional Media;

- (y) The Kimberley Echo; and
- (z) Business News?

1558. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

- (1) What was the total direct expenditure generated for all events held in 2005/06, excluding media impact, as a ratio of Tourism WA spent?
- (2) Why is the Minister willing to invest \$17 million in event tourism that generates a return of \$2.84 for every taxpayer dollar spent but will only spend \$1 million on convention and incentive travel that returns \$67 for every taxpayer dollar spent?
- (3) Why is Tourism WA not investing more in the convention market segment when it has an order of magnitude and larger rate of return than the events market segment?

1559. Dr E. Constable to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to children with autism who attend State Government primary schools and ask -

- (a) do children with autism who attend State Government primary schools receive speech therapy during the school day;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many hours of aid time are children with autism permitted to have at school each week before they lose access to speech therapy services; and
- (c) what is the reason behind denying children with autism access to speech therapy services during school hours when they receive the level of aid time in (b)?

1560. Dr E. Constable to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to the speech therapy services delivered to children with autism in State Government primary schools and ask -

- (a) do speech therapists with specialist qualifications deliver speech therapy services to children with autism during school hours;
- (b) are speech therapy services delivered to children in (a) during school hours by staff without professional qualifications in speech therapy; and
- (c) if yes to (b), who delivers speech therapy services to children in (a) during school hours without professional qualifications and why are they permitted to do so?

1561. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Will the Minister advise if 000 calls are recorded and if so are they available for the general public to have access to?
- (2) What is the average waiting time for operators to connect to the proper agency?

1562. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

I refer to my grievance to the Minister on 15 June 2006 relating to Urological equipment in the South West and ask -

- (a) will the Minister advise the number of patients who have been referred to Perth hospitals from the South West over the past 12 months for treatment with flexible ureterorenoscopy using the Holmium laser;
- (b) will the Minister advise what the cost of the introduction of the flexible ureterorenoscope for the Bunbury Regional Hospital will be;
- (c) will the Minister confirm if the business case for the introduction of the flexible ureterorenoscope to the Bunbury Regional Hospital has been completed and forwarded to the Western Australian Country Health Service for funding consideration for 2006/07;
- (d) will the Minister confirm when the people of the South West can expect commencement of services at the Bunbury Regional Hospital with the flexible ureterorenoscope for treatment of kidney stones; and
- (e) will the Minister advise the outcome of the discussion held during the Bunbury Regional Hospital Medical Advisory committee on 16 June 2006 in terms of the introduction of a flexible ureterorenoscope?

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PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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