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- 968. Mr R.S. Love to the Attorney General
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- 970. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier

Questions listed for this sitting: -

971. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the impact of *Phytophthora dieback*, and I ask:

- (a) How much funding has been allocated each financial year since 2017-18 to address this issue:
 - (i) Can you provide details outlining the name of the program(s) funded and the amount provided over each year of funding?

972. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness:

I refer to the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Incentive Scheme announced on 9 November 2023, and I ask:

- (a) What is the number of property owners that have taken up the scheme in Western Australia since the announcement; and
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of the number of property owners that have taken up the scheme in the:
 - (i) Greater Perth Region (including Mandurah);
 - (ii) Peel Region (excluding Mandurah);
 - (iii) Gascoyne Region;
 - (iv) Goldfields/Esperance Region;
 - (v) Great Southern Region;
 - (vi) Kimberley Region;
 - (vii) Mid West Region;
 - (viii) Pilbara Region;
 - (ix) South West Region; and
 - (x) Wheatbelt Region?

973. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

How many random breath tests have been undertaken by the Western Australia Police Force in the following years:

- (a) 2020;
- (b) 2021;
- (c) 2022; and
- (d) 2023?

974. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness:

What is the number of residential land purchases made by foreign investors in the financial years of:

- (a) 2020-21;
- (b) 2021-22; and
- (c) 2022-23?

975. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Health; Mental Health:

I refer to the stance taken by McGowan Labor Government that opposed the use of pill testing at music festivals, and I ask:

- (a) Does the Cook Labor Government maintain its opposition to pill testing at music festivals; and

- (b) Is there any indication that the policy position of the Government on pill testing at music festivals will change in the foreseeable future?

976. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the livestock ship, 'MV Bahijah' containing about 16,000 sheep and cattle that left Australia on January 5 but was ordered to return to Fremantle by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, and I ask:

- (a) On what date were you first made aware of the decision by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture to order the vessel back to Fremantle;
- (b) Have you had any direct communication with the Prime Minister in relation to this issue:
 - (i) If so, on what date did you engage in direct communication with the Prime Minister in relation to this issue;
- (c) Were you made aware of the decision by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture to order the vessel back to Fremantle prior to the public; and
- (d) How many briefings have you received from your State Minister for Agriculture since the ship had been ordered back to Fremantle?

977. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

(1) I refer to the livestock ship, 'MV Bahijah' containing about 16,000 sheep and cattle that left Australia on January 5 but was ordered to return to Fremantle by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, and I ask:

- (a) On what date were you first made aware of the decision by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture to order the vessel back to Fremantle;
- (b) Have you had any direct communication with the Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture in relation to this issue:
 - (i) If so, on what date did you engage in direct communication with the Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture in relation to this issue; and
- (c) Were you made aware of the decision by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture to order the vessel back to Fremantle prior to the public?

(2) I refer to the Commonwealth Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry statement on 12 February relating to the MV Bahijah livestock vessel which states "the department, Western Australian Government, exporter, transport companies and appropriate premises continue to work collaboratively to ensure the health and safety of the livestock and staff", and I ask:

- (a) Is it the view of the State Government that all parties have worked collaboratively?

978. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the Federal Labor Government's new 'Right to Disconnect' legislation, and I ask:

- (a) Has there been any change in Department of Premier and Cabinet policy pertaining to ministerial staffers as a result of this new law:
 - (i) If so, please provide a brief overview of the changes to Department of Premier and Cabinet policy; and
- (b) Have you received a briefing from the Department of Premier and Cabinet about how the new law will affect employees of the Department of Premier and Cabinet?

979. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the decision at the last Cook Labor Government cabinet reshuffle to place the standalone portfolio of 'Hydrogen Industry' into the 'State and Industry Development' portfolio, and I ask:

- (a) What was the rationale for merging the Hydrogen Industry, a portfolio previously in its own right, into the ‘State and Industry Development’ portfolio?

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