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3340. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to Tony Galati, and I ask:

- (a) did the Minister or the Department invite Tony Galati to the Kimberley on a recent trip:
 - (i) if yes to (a), what was the purpose of the invitation;
- (b) has the Minister had any recent discussions with Tony Galati regarding business opportunities in the Kimberley:
 - (i) if yes to (b), what were the discussions about and where in particular were any potential irrigation projects located in the Kimberley;
- (c) how many meetings has the Minister or the Department had with Tony Galati in the past year; and
- (d) will the Minister table the notes from the meetings referred to in (c):
 - (i) if no to (d), why not?

3341. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the proposed horticultural development at Skuthorpe in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) how many hectares of asparagus is planned to be grown;
- (b) how much water is available for the asparagus;
- (c) how many hectares of table grapes is planned to be grown;
- (d) what variety of table grapes is planned to be grown;
- (e) have table grapes been grown successfully on a commercial basis in the Broome area in the past:
 - (i) if yes to (e), where and when has this been the case;
- (f) how will termites be managed in the table grapes and what chemicals are allowed to be used to treat them;
- (g) what other crops and how many hectares are planned to be grown;
- (h) how much water is available for these other crops;
- (i) how much labour is required to grow these crops;
- (j) is the Minister aware of whether the proponent will seek overseas workers;
- (k) who is the current lessee of the land at Skuthorpe;
- (1) according to question on notice 2054, asked in the Legislative Council on 2 April 2019 by Hon Robin Chapple, the Minister stated, "Kimberley Asparagus will trial 10 hectares of other high value crops including table grapes", did the proponent trial table grapes:
 - (i) if no to (l), why not;
- (m) is the Minister aware of how much has been spent on planting table grapes at the site:
 - (i) if yes to (m), how much has been spent;

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- (n) has the Department advised the proponent on the likelihood of success in growing asparagus:
 - (i) if yes to (n), will the Minister table the advice; and
- (o) how much water is available, in total, in the Skuthorpe area and how much is currently licensed for use and for what purpose?

3342. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development:

Regarding the expenditure on irrigation in the Kimberley since the McGowan Government was elected, I ask:

- (a) how much has the Department spent on irrigation projects in the Kimberley on:
 - (i) the facilitation of irrigation through infrastructure; and
 - (ii) reports and assessment of irrigation projects in the Kimberley;
- (b) will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditure;
- (c) has the Water for Food project in the Kimberley been completed:
 - (i) if yes to (c), how much was spent on the project by the Barnett Grylls Government;
 - (ii) if yes to (c), how much was spent on the project by the McGowan Government;
 - (iii) if no to (c), when is the Water for Food project expected to be complete and how much further funding is allocated to it;
- (d) how many jobs have been created as a result of the Water for Food project in the Kimberley;
- (e) how many jobs for Aboriginal people have been created as a result of the Water for Food project in the Kimberley; and
- (f) has the Water for Food project in the Kimberley been evaluated:
 - (i) if no to (f), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (f), will the Minister table the evaluation?

3343. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development:

Regarding the current status of employment in the Kimberley, I ask:

- (a) how many people are employed in agriculture in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (b) how many Aboriginal people are employed in agriculture and, of those employed how many are casual, part-time or seasonal in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and

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- (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (c) how many people are employed in tourism in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (d) how many Aboriginal people are employed in tourism and, of those employed how many are casual, part-time or seasonal in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (e) how many people are employed in mining in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (f) how many Aboriginal people are employed in mining and, of those employed how many are casual, part time or seasonal in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (g) how many people are employed in oil and gas in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (h) how many Aboriginal people are employed in oil and gas and, of those employed how many are casual, part time or seasonal in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (i) how many people are employed or self-employed in the arts in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;

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- (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
- (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (j) how many Aboriginal people are employed or self-employed in the arts and, of those employed how many are casual, part time or seasonal in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district;
- (k) how many people are employed in conservation in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district; and
- (l) how many Aboriginal people are employed in conservation and, of those employed how many are casual, part time or seasonal in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region;
 - (ii) Wyndham-East Kimberley local government district;
 - (iii) Derby-West Kimberley local government district; and
 - (iv) Shire of Broome local government district?

3344. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the answer to question on notice 1725, asked in the Legislative Council on 31 October 2018 by Hon Robin Chapple, and I ask:

- (a) how much has the Western Australian Government spent on the Broome Growth Plan to date:
- (b) why was the Broome Growth Plan not advertised for public comment;
- (c) can the Minister explain why there is no longer a Broome Growth Plan website;
- (d) is the Broome Growth Plan a statutory document;
- (e) is the Broome Growth Plan considered a Western Australian Government document:
 - (i) if no to (e), whose document is it;
- (f) who is implementing the Broome Growth Plan;
- (g) is there a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the organisation implementing the Broome Growth Plan and the Western Australian Government:
 - (i) if yes to (g), will the Minister table the MOU; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), what is the understanding between the Department and the organisation implementing the Broome Growth Plan;
- (h) does the organisation implementing the Broome Growth Plan have Government representatives working on it:
 - (i) if yes to (h), who are those representatives;

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- (ii) if yes to (h), how do the Government representatives report back to the Government on how the Broome Growth Plan is being implemented; and
- (iii) if yes to (h), do the Government representatives keep notes or receive minutes from meetings with the organisation that implements the Broome Growth Plan:
 - (A) if no to (h)(iii), why not;
 - (B) if no to (h)(iii), how is the community expected to have an understanding of the undertakings of a private organisation that is implementing a Government funded initiative; and
 - (C) if yes to (h)(iii), will the Minister tables the notes and minutes given the Broome Growth Plan was created and funded by the Government;
- (i) does the organisation implementing the Broome Growth Plan have a constitution, governance framework and charter:
 - (i) if yes to (i), will the Minister make these publicly available given the role of the organisation in implementing the Broome Growth Plan;
- (j) has the Government provided any funding to the organisation implementing the Broome Growth Plan:
 - (i) if yes to (j), how much and when;
- (k) who are the directors and office holders of the organisation implementing the Broome Growth Plan;
- (l) is it possible to become a member of the organisation implementing the Broome Growth Plan:
 - (i) if no to (l), does the Minister consider this limits public involvement in the organisation; and
 - (ii) if yes to (1), how does one become a member of the organisation;
- (m) is the Minister aware of the fact that an organisation called Broome Futures Limited (initially funded by oil and gas company Woodside), subsequently changed its name to the Broome Future Alliance Ltd and has now changed its name to the West Kimberley Alliance received a substantial amount of funding from Lotterywest for a report on developing the Kimberley;
- (n) is the Minister aware that there is not one mention of renewable energy in the Broome Growth Plan despite strong representation from the community in a public meeting by the Broome Growth Plan consultants to have it included in future plans; and
- (o) does the Minister consider the lack of focus on renewable energy in the Broome Growth Plan concerning:
 - (i) if no to (o), why not?

3345. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to irrigation for cattle in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) how many hectares have been cleared for irrigation at Mowanjum;
- (b) how much Government funding was spent on the project;
- (c) has a cost/benefit analysis for the Mowanjum Irrigation Trial been conducted to determine its economic viability:

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- (i) if yes to (c), will the Minister table it; and
- (ii) if no to (c), why not;
- (d) how many jobs have been created by the Mowanjum project;
- (e) how many jobs are there currently in the Mowanjum project;
- (f) how many Aboriginal people have jobs that are directly related to the Mowanjum irrigation project;
- (g) did the Government receive or commissioned any reports on the economic viability of irrigated agriculture at Mowanjum:
 - (i) if yes to (g), will the Minister table the reports, now that sufficient time has passed to ensure they are no longer commercial in confidence;
- (h) does the Minister have evidence to show that the project was economically viable without any Government subsidies:
 - (i) if yes to (h), will the Minister table the evidence;
- (i) who is currently managing the irrigation at Mowanjum;
- (j) does the Government have any calculations to show how much a kilogram of beef costs to produce at Mowanjum:
 - (i) if yes to (j), will the Minister table the details;
- (k) what is the break-even cost per kilogram to produce beef in the Kimberley at today's live export average price; and
- (l) if Bruce Cheung was not agisting cattle and managing the irrigation at Mowanjum, what evidence does the Government have to show that it would be a viable operation?

3346. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the irrigation for cattle in the North West, and I ask:

- (a) how many hectares of irrigation for cattle are there in the following areas:
 - (i) Kimberley region; and
 - (ii) Pilbara region;
- (b) where are these irrigation projects located;
- (c) what pastoral leases are these irrigation projects located on;
- (d) how many hectares are each of these irrigation projects;
- (e) how much water is allocated to these irrigation projects at each location;
- (f) how many cattle are grazed on these projects and what is the average length of time they are there for;
- (g) is the Minister aware that Bruce Cheung's irrigation projects in the Pilbara were making a loss according to an article in Farmonline 'Cost of production the challenge in Pardoo's vision for Pilbara Wagyu', it costs around \$4.50 a kilogram of beef to produce on Mr Cheung's irrigation set-up whereas the Pilbara benchmark is \$1.60 per kilogram; and
- (h) does the Minister agree that even with significant capital to pay for irrigation set up costs, irrigation for growing cattle fodder is not economically viable in the North West:

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(i) if no to (h), what evidence does the Minister have to show this is the case and will the Minister table it?

3347. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health:

How many dedicated mental health inpatient beds, for children under the age of 18, in total and by region, were available across Western Australia in each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2016-17;
- (b) 2017-18;
- (c) 2018-19; and
- (d) 2019-20?

3348. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to question on notice 3228, in which it was stated that in the 2019-20 financial year, Communities received notification of 31 cases that met the five criteria for an investigable child death, and I ask, for each of the 31 cases, which of the criteria did they meet to thus be defined as an investigable child death?

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council