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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 189

Thursday, 2 April 2020

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2875. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training

2876. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning

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2878. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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2879. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

2880. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

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2881. Hon Robin Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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*Notice Given**Thursday, 2 April 2020***2882. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**

- (1) I refer to Victim Support Services in place in the court systems around Western Australia, and I ask:
- (a) for each court location, for each of the last 5 years, could the Minister please provide the following information about victim support services:
 - (i) is a victim support service in place;
 - (ii) which organisation, agency or body holds the contract to provide victim support services;
 - (iii) how many staff are employed by the victim support service;
 - (iv) how many volunteers are overseen by the victim support service; and
 - (v) where victim support services exist, could the Minister please clarify if the victim support services cater to:
 - (A) clients attending court for criminal matters only; and
 - (B) clients attending court for civil matters only;
 - (C) clients attending court for either civil or criminal matters; and
 - (b) could the Minister please explain how people who would be eligible for victim support services are made aware that these services exist?
- (2) I refer to volunteers in Victim Support Services in place in the court systems around Western Australia and I ask:
- (a) does the Department have a policy regarding volunteer assistance in the victim support services;
 - (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table that policy;
 - (c) if no to (a), why not;
 - (d) what, if any, training has been or is provided to volunteers in the victim support services; and
 - (e) who is responsible for developing and providing training to volunteers in victim support services;
 - (f) is any assistance outside volunteer labour available to people attending court for civil matters generally, and for VRO matters specifically?

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*Notice Given**Thursday, 2 April 2020***2883. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the answer to my question on notice 2644 answered on 3 December 2019 and the recurrent answer that figures were not available for West Coast Institute of Training and I note the General Disposal Authority for State Government Information lodged with the State Records Commission, and I ask:

- (a) why was the information requested in question on notice 2644 unavailable for the old West Coast Institute of Training;
- (b) has this information from the West Coast Institute of Training now been made available:
 - (i) if yes to (b), could the answer to question on notice 2644 please be provided with updated information;
 - (ii) if no to (b), has any attempt been made to recover this information;
- (c) did the West Coast Institute of Training have an approved Recordkeeping Plan:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not; and
- (d) do the current TAFE colleges all have approved Recordkeeping Plans:
 - (i) if no to (d), when does the Minister anticipate that these will be developed and approved?

2884. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Special Entertainment Precincts Reform project, and I ask:

- (a) what ongoing noise monitoring and evidence-based assessment has been, or is currently undertaken in the proposed Northbridge Special Entertainment Precinct 'core' and 'frame' areas to inform the Government's decision making;
- (b) could the Minister please specify the location of any and all noise monitoring stations in this area:
 - (i) please provide information on the number of times per annum each station exceeds:
 - (A) 55dB;
 - (B) 79dB; and
 - (C) 90dB;
 - (D) 95dB;
- (c) could the Minister please clarify if any breaches of DWER's noise limits were found during the few days of noise monitoring undertaken during the Northbridge Noise Monitoring Report activities:
 - (i) if yes to (c), was that information passed on to the City of Perth and were any enforcement activities undertaken;
- (d) what noise monitoring regime will the Government recommend to local councils to ensure that residents, workers and customers are not subject to unhealthy noise;
- (e) how many residents of Northbridge are within each of the proposed 'core' and 'frame' areas; and

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- (f) how many persons staying in short term accommodation (hotels, Bed and Breakfasts and back packers are housed on an annual basis in each of the proposed 'core' and 'frame' areas;
- (g) how many venues considered to be noise-generating are within each of the proposed 'core' and 'frame' areas?

2885. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the revelations of animal abuse on Western Australian cattle farms exposed in a December 2019 broadcast and the Minister's commitment to fast track regulation to make it an offence to de-horn six month old cattle and older without painkillers, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please advise the current status of these proposed regulations; and
- (b) will the Minister consider extending the regulations to cover cattle younger than six months;
- (c) if no to (b), why not?

2886. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the proposed dedicated racing infrastructure fund, to be established with approximately 35 percent of the proceeds of the sale of the TAB, and I ask:

- (a) what proportion of the sale of the TAB funds will be dedicated to the greyhound racing industry;
- (b) how much, if any, of the funds from the ongoing point of consumption tax will be dedicated to greyhound welfare; and
- (c) will improvements to greyhound welfare/safety be one of the priorities for the use of this fund;
- (d) if no funds will be so dedicated, why not?

2887. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to question without notice 1391 answered on 21 November 2019, where the Minister advised she was awaiting further advice from the Western Australia Police Force, and I ask:

- (a) on what date did the Minister seek further advice from the Western Australia Police Force following the Office of the Auditor General report; and
- (b) on what date did the Minister receive that advice;
- (c) please table the advice received by the Minister in relation to this matter?

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I refer to question without notice 1291 regarding “Increased funding to stop hospital violence and aggression”, and with the expected increase in patients attending Emergency Departments with COVID 19, and I ask:

- (a) which of the following identified hospitals have already received additional security staff by FTE in Geraldton, Hedland, Roebourne, Kalgoorlie, Busselton and Bunbury hospitals;
- (b) what will be the total additional security staff by FTE at each of the hospitals identified in (a);
- (c) with respect to additional security staff not yet deployed, when can we expect this commitment to be fully delivered; and
- (d) will the Minister please list the hospitals that have received CCTV improvements to date, and those still due to receive upgrades;
- (e) how much of the \$11.23 million has been spent to date?

2889. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to data collected for regional public hospital emergency departments from 1 September 2019 to present, and I ask:

- (a) what is the average number of:
 - (i) daily presentations to public hospital emergency departments by hour, expressed as a percentage of daily presentations;
 - (ii) weekly presentations to public hospital emergency departments by day, expressed as a percentage of weekly presentations?

2890. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to Western Australian camp schools and the Minister’s decision to privatise camp schools, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table the numbers of schools and school children who have utilised each camp school to date;
- (b) what are the rates charged to Department of Education schools and students for each camp school;
- (c) has there been any variance in the rates charged since the operations of camp schools have been transferred to Fairbridge; and
- (d) what is the occupancy rate of each camp school since the operations of camp schools transferred to Fairbridge, and for the previous three financial years;
- (e) when will the assessment of the performance of the agreement with Fairbridge be completed?

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Questions Asked Today*Notice Given**Thursday, 2 April 2020***2891. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to Hon Darren West's contribution in the Legislative Council on 20 February 2020 and his reference to "Only 16 per cent of royalties for regions funding tenders were awarded to regional businesses. That is nowhere near acceptable, and we are working on that.", and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of any study or report commissioned by the Government or any other person or organisation that can substantiate that claim;
- (b) what is the current rate of Royalties for Regions expenditure that can be attributed to "regional businesses" under the Labor Government;
- (c) how does the Minister define a "regional business" for the purposes of such an assessment and to substantiate such a claim aforementioned; and
- (d) if the Government is in possession of such a study or report that can substantiate the claim, then will the Minister please table that document or documents?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council