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*Notice Given**Thursday, 16 April 2020***2892. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to the Government document *‘Implementation of the Government’s response to the Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia’* (July 2019) (the Document), and the associated legislation *Petroleum Legislation Amendment Act 2017*, and *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources (Hydraulic Fracturing) Amendment Regulations 2019*, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that Mr Boris Johnson’s Government has outlawed all new fracking in the United Kingdom joining France, Germany, Wales, Scotland, and others:
  - (i) is the Minister aware that such bans are due to concerns over fracking and the potential to trigger earthquakes, as experienced in the Netherlands;
- (b) could the Minister please explain the extent to which the stakeholders listed in the document are able to challenge the decision to allow fracking on their lands;
- (c) can the Minister confirm, with absolute certainty, that Traditional Owners can withhold permission for hydraulic fracturing, and that this will be respected:
  - (i) if no to (c), why not;
- (d) can the Minister confirm, with absolute certainty, that private landholder and private licencees can withhold permission for hydraulic fracturing, and that this will be respected:
  - (i) if no to (d), why not;
- (e) can the Minister please explain the rights and powers held by pastoral leases, in relation to permissions regarding hydraulic fracturing;
- (f) could the Minister give comment as to whether the land leased by mining companies falls under “leased land” for the purposes of this legislation; and
- (g) if land is held by a company or entity, does such an entity require any external permission to frack:
  - (i) if yes to (g), could the Minister please clarify this process?

**2893. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

In reference to the Whim Creek Mine site, including discernible features such as Coorinjinna Pool, and acknowledging questions without notice 1070, 936, and 873 and their respective answers, I ask:

- (a) has the initial investigation, referred to by the Hon. Minister Dawson in Question Without Notice 936; asked in the Legislative Council on 3 September 2019, been completed:
  - (i) if yes to (a), would the Minister please provide the findings of the investigation; and
  - (ii) if no to (a), can the Minister advise when this is expected to be completed;
  - (iii) if no to (a), have the effects of recent tropical cyclones Damien, Esther, and Ferdinand been considered in the investigation; and

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- (b) has any sampling or testing been conducted since the tropical storms referred to in (a)(iii):
  - (i) if yes to (b), could the Minister provide the relevant information; and
  - (ii) if no to (b), and given the history of the site, does the Department intend to conduct testing at the site:
    - (A) if yes to (b)(ii), when does the Department expect to have data from the testing;
    - (B) if no to (b)(ii), why not?

**2894. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Parliamentary Secretary's commitment in question without notice 1367 answered on 20 November 2019 where the Parliamentary Secretary stated that the Government is 'committed to providing public reporting related to the timeliness of patient handover from ambulance crews to hospital emergency department staff for both metropolitan and regional sites', and I ask:

- (a) why has reporting commenced for metropolitan sites but not regional sites;
- (b) on what date did reporting commence for metropolitan sites; and
- (c) does the Minister have access to data for regional sites, and if yes, why is it not being publicly reported as committed;
- (d) since the media statement of 19 December 2019, which announced changes to reporting on hospital activity, for each regional and metropolitan hospital to date, by month, please provide the target and achieved time for patient handover from ambulance services to a hospital's emergency department?

**2895. Hon Aaron Stonehouse to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer the Minister to the decision to close all gun shops in Western Australia, issued by Commissioner Dawson on 27 March 2020, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that by limiting who is eligible to purchase ammunition and other firearms equipment to only those who can prove that primary production is their main source of income, it excludes those who own multi-thousand acre properties that, while not their primary source of income, still requires the use of firearms to manage pests and feral species;
- (b) given the above, is the Minister willing to grant exemptions to those who have proven that hunting or shooting on land the owner has given permission for that purpose, or land they can prove to own, and to those who have this listed as their approved genuine reason for possessing a firearms licence?

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**2896. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to advertising on public transport, including buses, trains and related infrastructure, and I ask:

- (a) were complaints regarding such advertising received in the 2019 calendar year; and
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister table a copy of each complaint and its corresponding advertisement;
- (c) further to (b), what was the location of the advertisement that gave rise to each complaint?

**2897. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to an article entitled “Vulnerable kids fear”, printed in *The West Australian* on 3 April 2020, which states the Department of Communities allegedly told staff that due to COVID-19, children in care may, as a last resort, need to be placed in the homes of staff members, and I ask:

- (a) is it the case that staff members are expected to place children in their own homes if other placements are not available; and
- (b) how many staff members took children in care home in March;
- (c) in relation to (b), how many still have one or more children in care in their home?

**2898. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the *North West Telegraph* article on 18 March 2020, “Crime on a high; kids sniffing dangerous chemicals”, regarding two initiatives to address youth offending and antisocial behaviour, and I ask:

- (a) in regards to the Juvenile Inter-agency Management Strategy:
  - (i) which agencies are involved;
  - (ii) which agency is the lead; and
- (b) in regards to the Newman Collective Impact Project:
  - (i) which agencies are involved;
  - (ii) which agency is the lead?

**2899. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to crime perpetrated by children and young people in our State, and I ask:

- (a) what were the 10 locations where such crime was most prevalent in 2019;
- (b) further to (a), what were those locations for the first quarter of 2020?

**2900. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to part 3.4.17 of the Casework Practice Manual, where it states that children in care, or those who have left care and are eligible for leaving care services, are entitled to assistance in obtaining their driver’s licence, and that funding for the costs associated must be applied for through the Leaving Care Fund, and I ask, for 2019:

- (a) how many applications were made to the Leaving Care Fund for obtaining driver’s licences;

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- (b) in relation to (a), how many applications were approved for the full funding requested; and
- (c) in relation to (a), how many applications were for all expenses related to obtaining a driver's licence (including the minimum 50 supervised driving hours, permits and assessments);
- (d) in relation to (c), how many applications were approved for the full funding requested?

**2901. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to the *Sunday Entertainments Act 1979*, which makes it an offence for a person to open or use a place for paid public entertainment or amusement on any Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday unless they obtain the Minister's approval to do so, and I ask:

- (a) in each of the calendar years from 2009 to 2019, inclusive:
  - (i) what were the number of applications received for an exemption for paid public entertainment or amusement on:
    - (A) any Sunday in that calendar year; and
    - (B) Christmas Day that year;
    - (C) Good Friday that year;
  - (ii) what were the number of applications for an exemption that were granted;
  - (iii) what were the number of applications for an exemption that were withdrawn; and
  - (iv) what were the number of applications for an exemption that were not approved;
  - (v) what were the number of exclusion notices published in the *Government Gazette* to allow cinemas, sporting events, live-music performances, carnivals, festivals and the like to operate; and
- (b) which person or organisation currently holds an exemption for an indefinite or undefined period into the future;
- (c) further to (b), for what category of entertainment of amusement does this exemption relate?

**2902. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the sales and development agreement (the agreement) between the Western Australian Beach and Golf Resort Pty Ltd and the State Government, as referred to in the *Port Kennedy Development Act 2017*, and I ask:

- (a) what are the specific milestones and obligations which apply to both parties;
- (b) has each party met those specific milestones and obligations, and if not, why not;
- (c) in a general sense, what are the settlement terms of the agreement; and
- (d) have the settlement terms of the agreement been met;
- (e) what is the anticipated timeline for the closure and replacement of holes at the Port Kennedy Golf Course?

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*Notice Given**Thursday, 16 April 2020***2903. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

- (a) 4 weeks or less;
- (b) 4 to 5 weeks;
- (c) 5 to 6 weeks;
- (d) 6 to 7 weeks; and
- (e) 7 to 8 weeks;
- (f) 8 weeks and more?

**2904. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2905. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2906. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Education and Training:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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- (c) 5 to 6 weeks;
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- (e) 7 to 8 weeks;
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**2907. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2908. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2909. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2910. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2911. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2912. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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- (f) 8 weeks and more?

**2913. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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- (c) 5 to 6 weeks;
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**2914. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2915. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Lands:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2916. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2918. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2919. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2920. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing; Fisheries; Veterans Issues; Asian Engagement:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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- (c) 5 to 6 weeks;
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**2921. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2922. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth:**

As at 31 December 2019, for each agency/department within the Minister's portfolio can the Minister please provide in tabular form the total dollar value of accrued annual leave balances and the number of staff to whom those balances apply, for leave balances of the following periods:

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**2923. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Inpex FIFO ("Fly-In, Fly-Out") worker who contracted COVID-19 and was diagnosed after returning home overseas (when he fell ill), and answers to question without notice C289, answered on 2 April 2020, and I ask:

- (a) did the worker who left the Maersk drilling rig, on 18 March, do so as part of a shift change:
  - (i) if yes to (a), how many other workers left the rig on 18 March 2020, as part of that shift change;
  - (ii) if yes to (a), were those other shift workers, referred to in (a)(i), tested for COVID-19:
    - (A) if no to (a)(ii), why not; and
    - (B) if yes to (a)(ii), when were these tests conducted;

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- (C) if yes to (a)(ii), how many people were tested;
- (iii) if yes to (a), was contact tracing carried out for those workers, referred to in (a)(i), who were colleagues on shift:
  - (A) if no to (a)(iii), why not;
- (iv) if yes to (a), were the workers from the same shift placed in self-isolation for 14 days:
  - (A) if no to (a)(iv), why not;
  - (B) if yes to (a)(iv), when were the workers informed and placed under subsequent self isolation; and
- (v) if no to (a), why did the worker leave the rig on 18 March 2020;
- (b) by what method did the worker return to their home country:
  - (i) what transit points were incurred in their journey back to their home country from the rig;
  - (ii) if by commercial, passenger aeroplane, which flights and transfers did they make as part of their journey from the rig to their home country;
- (c) was contact-tracing undertaken relating to people who may have come in contact with the ill worker during their travel home:
  - (i) if no to (c), why not;
- (d) on what date was Inpex informed that the worker had contracted COVID-19, after he was diagnosed on 19 March 2020 in his home country;
- (e) on what date did Inpex move the non-essential workers off Maersk drilling rig and place them in isolation in the hotel in Broome:
  - (i) of these workers referred to at (e), were they from the same shift, or a subsequent shift, to the worker who tested positive on 19 March 2020; and
- (f) why did it take from 19 March 2020 until 22 March for Inpex to inform the authorities of the worker having contracted COVID -19;
- (g) why did the Department allow the Inpex workers, in self-isolation in a Broome hotel, to leave the premises and visit bottle shops and other establishments?

**2924. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism:**

I refer to the historic Pilbara town of Cossack, the 2017 WA Labor document 'Plan for the Pilbara', and the City of Karratha's Local Planning Scheme No. 8, Amendment No. 44, relating to developments in the town, and I ask:

- (a) how much of the 425 million dollars, committed under the Government's 'Plan for the Pilbara', has been budgeted solely for Cossack town:
  - (i) of the amount in (a), budgeted for Cossack, how much has been spent to date; and
  - (ii) would the Minister please table the budget for Cossack, referred to in (a):
    - (A) if no to (a)(ii), why not;

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- (b) would the Minister give comment on the Government's plan for Cossack town, in regards to recreational, tourism, or heritage opportunities; and
- (c) has the Department liaised with local Indigenous representatives to discuss the future of Cossack:
  - (i) if yes to (c), which group or persons did the Department contact;
  - (ii) if yes to (c), can the Minister advise of the outcomes?

**2925. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the historic Pilbara town of Cossack, the 2017 WA Labor document 'Plan for the Pilbara', and the City of Karratha's Local Planning Scheme No. 8, Amendment No. 44, relating to developments in the town, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please advise what progress, in a general sense, has been made in revitalising the town:
  - (i) specifically in relation to the lands' designation with a view to development;
  - (ii) specifically in relation to the ability of landholders to develop their freehold properties;
- (b) would the Minister give reason as to why the Planning Scheme Amendment, by the City of Karratha, allowing development and investment opportunity at Cossack, was rejected by Government:
  - (i) if no to (b), why not;
  - (ii) can the Minister confirm that the proposed amendment was sound in regard to administrative procedures and environmental considerations;
- (c) at present, can Cossack landowners apply to construct small-scale, temporary facilities such as caravan parks and campsites:
  - (i) if no to (c), does the Government intend to permit such developments in the future;
- (d) does the Minister consider the restrictions on development to represent an opportunity-cost for persons who invested in land in Cossack;
- (e) would the Minister give comment on the Government's plan for Cossack town, in regards to recreational, tourism, or heritage opportunities; and
- (f) has the Department liaised with local Indigenous representatives to discuss the future of Cossack:
  - (i) if yes to (f), which group or persons did the Department contact;
  - (ii) if yes to (f), can the Minister advise of the outcomes?

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**Questions Asked Today***Notice Given**Thursday, 16 April 2020***2926. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage:**

I refer to the historic Pilbara town of Cossack, the 2017 WA Labor document 'Plan for the Pilbara', and the City of Karratha's Local Planning Scheme No. 8, Amendment No. 44, relating to developments in the town, and I ask:

- (a) does the Government intend to fund the ongoing preservation of Cossack and its heritage values;
- (b) can the Minister comment on the viability of the town of Cossack coming under the administration of the National Trust (WA), or similar heritage entity;
- (c) given development restrictions, does the Government intend to buy back these plots, so that the heritage sites are State-owned;
- (d) does the Minister consider it possible to promote the heritage values of Cossack, whilst also allowing the town to be enjoyed by visitors:
  - (i) if yes to (d), could the Minister give comment on the Government's plans to achieve this;
- (e) would the Minister give comment on the Government's plan for Cossack town, in regards to recreational, tourism, or heritage opportunities; and
- (f) has the Department liaised with local Indigenous representatives to discuss the future of Cossack:
  - (i) if yes to (f), which group or persons did the Department contact; and
  - (ii) if yes to (f), can the Minister advise of the outcomes?

**2927. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to the formation of the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) on 1 July 2017, as a result of merging the Department of Commerce and Department of Mines and Petroleum, and I ask:

- (a) since that time, how many complaints has the Department received regarding Mr Trung Tran;
- (b) how many of those complaints are yet to be finalised;
- (c) what positions within the Department has Mr Tran held since 1 July 2017;
- (d) in which of the six operational groups within the Department was Mr Tran employed in the 2019 calendar year; and
- (e) further to (d), which of the Department's two Ministers oversees that group?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council