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Questions postponed from previous sittings: -

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- 954. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health
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- 970. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier

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- 971. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Environment
- 972. Mr R.S. Love to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Commerce
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- 975. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Health; Mental Health
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- 977. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 980. Mr R.S. Love to the Speaker
- 981. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport
- 982. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier
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- 985. Mr R.S. Love to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Commerce
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- 989. Ms M.J. Davies to the Premier
- 990. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence
- 991. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier
- 992. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier

Questions listed for this sitting: -

993. Mr R.S. Love to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism:

I refer to the Builders' Support Facility announcement on 4 January 2024, and I ask:

- (a) What date will applications for this loan facility open;
- (b) Please outline a timeline (including opening of applications and payment dates) of this program;
- (c) What is the rationale for paying the interest-free loan in instalments as opposed to a lump sum; and
- (d) Will buildings that have been finished since builders lodged their interest be considered for funding?

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

I refer to the Builders' Support Facility announcement on 4 January 2024, and I ask:

- (a) What date will applications for this loan facility open;

- (b) Please outline a timeline (including opening of applications and payment dates) of this program;
- (c) What is the rationale for paying the interest-free loan in instalments as opposed to a lump sum; and
- (d) Will buildings that have been finished since builders lodged their interest be considered for funding?

995. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the announcement of free public transport from 24 December 2023 to 28 January 2024, and I ask:

- (a) During that period how many fines were issued for 'no valid ticket' to persons on:
 - (i) the Airport Train Line;
 - (ii) the Armadale/Thornlie Train Line;
 - (iii) the Fremantle Train Line;
 - (iv) the Joondalup Train Line;
 - (v) the Mandurah Train Line;
 - (vi) the Midland Train Line; and
 - (vii) the entire train network:
 - (A) How many of the fines were issued to persons who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander;
 - (B) How many of the fines were issued to persons who were under the age of 18; and
 - (C) How many of the fines were issued to persons who do not reside in Western Australia;
- (b) During that period how many fines were issued for 'no valid ticket' to persons using the Ferry services:
 - (i) How many of the fines were issued to persons who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander;
 - (ii) How many of the fines were issued to persons who were under the age of 18; and
 - (iii) How many of the fines were issued to persons who do not reside in Western Australia; and
- (c) During that period how many fines were issued for 'no valid ticket' to persons using the Bus services:
 - (i) How many of the fines were issued to persons who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander;
 - (ii) How many of the fines were issued to persons who were under the age of 18;
 - (iii) How many of the fines were issued to persons who do not reside in Western Australia; and
 - (iv) How many of the fines were issued to persons while using a bus service in Regional Western Australia?

996. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the Regional Australia Institute's 'Regionalisation Ambition 2032 - A Framework to Rebalance the Nation' and noting this strategy is supported by the Federal Minister for Regional Development, Hon Catherine King MP, and I ask:

- (a) Does this framework play a role in shaping this WA Government's policy within Regional Development:
 - (i) If not, why not; and
 - (ii) If yes, please provide examples as to how it has played a role?

997. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to the 'Disability Access and Inclusions Plans' that are in place, and I ask:

- (a) Does this Government include people with a disability in planning for and responding to major emergencies and natural disasters:
 - (i) If yes, what organisations and advocacy groups does the Government work with in this area; and
 - (ii) If not, why not?

998. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Environment:

Can the Government categorically rule out the \$85 per tonne Waste Levy which will be paid by Metropolitan and Peel local governments from July 1 2024, will not be extended to regional local governments in the future?

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

I refer to the \$64.3 million set aside for the firearm buyback scheme and I ask:

- (a) How many firearms have been bought back as a result of this scheme to date;
- (b) What is the estimated value of the firearms that have been bought back as part of this scheme; and
- (c) How much out of the \$64.3 million amount has been expended to those who have participated in this scheme so far?

1000. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

I refer to civil litigation payments made by Western Australia Police, and I ask:

- (a) What is the total monetary value of these payments in the last financial year; and
- (b) How many separate incidents are included in these payments for the last financial year?

1001. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

How many secondary school students has the Premier had in his ministerial office for work experience since becoming Premier?

1002. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the 'Ministerial Acting Arrangements' that occur upon the temporary appointment by the Governor when a Minister is temporarily acting in the office of another Minister, and I ask:

- (a) How many days has another Minister temporarily acted in the office of the Premier since you've been Premier;
- (b) Since you've been Premier, how many days has another Minister temporarily acted in the office of the current:
 - (i) Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism;
 - (ii) Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests;
 - (iii) Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister Assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade;
 - (iv) Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage;
 - (v) Attorney-General; Minister for Electoral Affairs;
 - (vi) Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues;
 - (vii) Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests;
 - (viii) Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Industrial Relations;
 - (ix) Minister for Health; Mental Health;
 - (x) Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness;
 - (xi) Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering;
 - (xii) Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action;
 - (xiii) Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services; and
 - (xiv) Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business; and
- (c) Since their appointment, how many days has another Minister temporarily acted in the office of the current:
 - (i) Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport; and
 - (ii) Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development?

1003. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the gazetted Instrument of Designation designating Dr Andrew Robertson to be the Chief Health Officer for a two-year term from 1 March 2024 to 27 February 2026, and I ask:

- (a) Why was there no media release or other public statement announcing this extension of the Chief Health Officer's term?

1004. Mr R.S. Love to the Attorney General:

I refer to the Department of Justice's 2022/23 annual report which states, "The Parliamentary Counsel's Office partnered with an international recruitment company to conduct an extensive search and recruitment campaign for qualified legislative drafters", and I ask:

- (a) How many drafters (by FTE) are currently employed by the Parliamentary Counsel's Office;
- (b) How many drafters (by FTE) have been employed since the tabling of the annual report;
- (c) Does the Parliamentary Counsel's Office continue to engage contract drafters which are made of retired legislative drafters;
- (d) How many Bills are currently the subject of drafting instruction;
- (e) How many regulations are currently the subject of drafting instruction; and
- (f) Is the Government's legislative program continuing to challenge the Parliamentary Counsel office's resources?

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