



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2024

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

Notice Given **Thursday, 30 November 2023**

1787. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing (*SO108(2) response due 12 March 2024*)

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1858. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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1866. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
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1869. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health
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- 1874. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1875. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
- 1876. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
- 1877. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests
- 1878. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1879. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage
- 1880. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 1881. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
- 1882. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1883. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Industrial Relations
- 1884. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 1885. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
- 1886. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering
- 1887. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action
- 1888. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
- 1889. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 1890. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
- 1891. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business
- 1892. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

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- 1893. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1894. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
- 1895. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
- 1896. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests
- 1897. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1898. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage
- 1899. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 1900. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
- 1901. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1902. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Industrial Relations
- 1903. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 1904. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
- 1905. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering
- 1906. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action
- 1907. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
- 1908. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 1909. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
- 1910. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business
- 1911. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports
- 1912. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports

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1913. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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1915. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education
1916. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
1917. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
1918. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
1919. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education
1920. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
1921. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health
1922. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Homelessness
1923. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health

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1924. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer
1925. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1926. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
1927. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
1928. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
1929. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry
1930. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Small Business
1931. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
1932. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Local Government
1933. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health

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Notice Given Tuesday, 12 March 2024**1934. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to public housing properties managed by the State Government and I ask, will the Minister table the following data, broken down by region and property type, for each month from 1 January 2023 to 1 February 2024:

- (a) the occupancy rate of all properties;
- (b) the number of properties deemed to be non-tenantable;
- (c) of the properties at (b), the number:
 - (i) the Government has decided to:
 - (A) dispose of; and
 - (B) redevelop; and
 - (ii) the number currently under consideration for redevelopment; and
- (d) for each of the past 5 calendar or financial years, the median time for redevelopment of a non-tenantable property to be completed?

1935. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the *Independent Review of WA Environmental Approvals, Processes and Procedures*, undertaken by Dr Paul Vogel and David McFerran, the Streamline WA response to the report and the media release from the Premier and Environment Minister dated 12 December 2023, and I ask:

- (a) when, and by whom, was the decision made to engage Dr Vogel and David McFerran to conduct the review;
- (b) how were Dr Vogel and Mr McFerran selected to conduct the review;
- (c) what criteria were used to ensure Dr Vogel and Mr McFerran qualified as independent;
- (d) did either Dr Vogel or Mr McFerran declare any conflicts of interest in relation to current or potential future involvement on behalf of proponents in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) assessment processes:
 - (i) if yes to (d), what was the nature of that declaration;
- (e) was the conduct of the review put out to tender:
 - (i) if no to (e), why not;
- (f) what were the dates of the commencement and the completion of the review;
- (g) what was the cost of the review;
- (h) is the review report available in full to the public:

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- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (i) when will the review be made public;
- (j) who outside of Government was consulted in:
 - (i) the drafting of the terms of reference for the review; and
 - (ii) the course of the review;
- (k) if industry groups or companies were consulted by the independent reviewers, when did those consultations occur and who was present at them;
- (l) why were no conservation groups consulted by the independent reviewers;
- (m) when will the further consultation with conservation groups, referred to in the media release, commence and which groups will be consulted;
- (n) what stage is the drafting of the proposed amendments to the *Environment Protection Act 1986* at;
- (o) recommendation 6 of the review, which the government has accepted, calls for a shift in the culture of the Office of EPA to one which facilitates sustainable development. Given the Environment Protection Act (EP Act) states that the purpose of the EPA is to protect the WA environment and prevent, control, abate and mitigate pollution and environmental harm, is the Government proposing to amend the EPA's purpose to facilitating sustainable development;
- (p) recommendation 36(c), which the government has accepted, proposes removing all public appeal rights under Part IV of the EP Act. Given that none of the previous reviews of the EPA and the EP Act, involving extensive stakeholder consultation, including those in 2020, 2016, 2009, have recommended the removal of these public appeal rights, why has the government accepted this recommendation;
- (q) recommendations 32 and 38 appear intended to limit and constrain the EPA's assessment of matters relating to the social, cultural and climate change impacts of proposals. How can the public have confidence that those matters will be adequately and transparently assessed by other agencies given those agencies do not have the same statutory purpose or objects or, in the case of climate impacts, WA-specific expertise as the EPA;
- (r) how will the Government ensure that any external consultant or technical experts brought in to assist the EPA do not have any conflicts of interest, direct or indirect, in relation to the companies or projects they may be assisting with;
- (s) how will the Government ensure that any additional skills-based appointments to the board of the EPA, as recommended by the review, are conducted so as to ensure that no ongoing or recurring conflicts of interest are likely to arise;
- (t) is the Government considering changing the existing conflict of interest provisions in the EP Act:
 - (i) if yes to (w), in what way;

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- (u) how will the new role and team of Coordinator General located in the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation relate to the existing Streamline WA Steering Committee and Streamline WA Council of Regulators to ensure there is not duplication and role confusion; and
- (v) will the Coordinator General have decision making precedence over the Streamline WA Steering Committee or the Streamline WA Council of Regulators?

1936. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the media statement "Significant milestone for protection of Murujuga country" on 29 February 2024, and I ask:

- (a) will the Premier instruct the Minister for Mines and Petroleum to remove the temporary reserve number 70/6697 that still exists over the areas identified in the joint press release, and the areas proposed for World Heritage, which is for the express Ministerial purpose of "the North West Shelf Gas Project and any other approved development";
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), when will the Premier advise the Minister for Mines to take such action;
- (d) will the temporary reserve number 70/6697 and its industrial purpose over the Burrup land area still exist if World Heritage is granted over this area;
- (e) were the Premier and Ministers aware of the existence of temporary reserve number 70/6697 prior to issuing their press release on 29 February 2024; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

1937. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the moving of a boundary fence on lot 2928 Scott Road, Lake Jasper five metres into the land previously managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), and I ask:

- (a) was the original boundary fence in the wrong place and not on the actual boundary;
- (b) if yes to (a), is the new fence on the actual boundary;
- (c) what approvals were sought to move the fence;
- (d) what approvals were given to move the fence; and
- (e) if the new fence is not on the actual boundary, what action will be taken by DBCA?

1938. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the concept of biological sex in medicine, and I ask, noting that even after transition surgery, a blood test will show that a biological male is a male due to chromosomes, can the Minister tell us if it is possible for a biological male to become a biological female?

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1939. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General:

I refer to birth certificates, and I ask:

- (a) why are birth certificates issued;
- (b) why is the biological sex of a newborn registered on a birth certificate;
- (c) will the Government rule out including gender on birth certificates;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) will the Government rule out introducing separate gender certificates; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

1940. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) How many individual cells at Acacia Prison:
 - (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (2) How many individual cells at Bandyup Women's Prison:
 - (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (3) How many individual cells at Casuarina Prison:
 - (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (4) How many individual cells at Hakea Prison:
 - (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (5) How many individual cells at Karnet Prison Farm:
 - (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (6) How many individual cells at Melaleuca Women's Prison:
 - (a) have air conditioning in the cell;

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- (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (7) How many individual cells at Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (8) How many individual cells at Wooroloo Prison Farm:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (9) How many individual cells at Broome Regional Prison:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (10) How many individual cells at Greenough Regional Prison:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (11) How many individual cells at Roebourne Regional Prison:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (12) How many individual cells at Albany Regional Prison:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (13) How many individual cells at Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and
 - (c) do not have air conditioning?
- (14) How many individual cells at Pardelup Prison Farm:
- (a) have air conditioning in the cell;
 - (b) have air conditioning in a common area adjacent to the cell; and

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- (c) do not have air conditioning?

1941. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the study into recommissioning sections of the tier three rail network, and the \$72 million allocated under the Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement (ASCI) Program, and I ask:

- (a) has the Minister received the completed study, and if not, when does the Minister expect to receive the study;
- (b) will the Minister make public the outcome of the study;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) did the study, or will the study, undertake a cost benefit analysis of the recommissioning of the rail lines compared to investing the ASCI funds into the road network;
- (e) if no to (d), will the Department undertake this; and
- (f) if no to (d), why not?

1942. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to public housing, and I ask:

- (a) during the month of February 2024:
 - (i) how many public homes were built by the Department of Communities;
 - (ii) how many public homes in total were added to the public housing stock;
 - (iii) how many public homes were taken out of the public housing stock;
 - (iv) how many applications were added to the public housing waitlist; and
 - (v) how many applications were successfully housed?

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council