

Mr President

Pursuant to Standing Order 155, I move -

That a select committee be appointed to inquire into a breach of parliamentary privilege by the Hon Helen Morton on 21 September 2011.

The breach being, that on 21 September 2011 the Hon Helen Morton misled the House in her answer to question without notice number 790.

Question without notice number 790 comprised 4 parts. In answer to parts (3) and (4), the Hon Helen Morton said and I quote from the ~~uncorrected~~ Hansard dated 21 September 2011:

"These questions need to be addressed to the Minister for Mental Health. However, I am aware that I have already provided that information to the member and I ask her to look at answer 714."

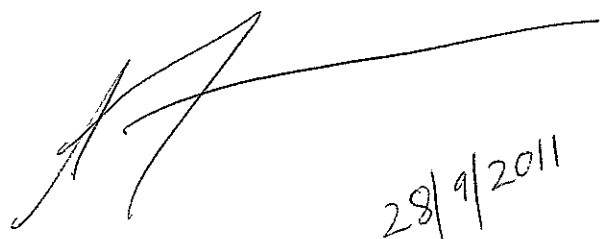
Parts (3) and (4) of question without notice number 790 do not form part of question without notice number 714 and no answer to these parts was provided by the Minister's answer to question without notice number 714.

A fact the Minister knew or ought to have known when she gave her answer to question without notice number 790.

Further, the Minister has failed to correct the record despite having had opportunity to do so.

I table the following relevant documents:

- (1) Hansard 6 September 2011 question without notice number 714 and the Minister's answer;
- (2) Hansard 21 September 2011 question without notice number 790 and the Minister's answer; and
- (3) Question without notice number 790 and the answer as provided by Minister for Health and distributed at that time.



28/9/2011

## SOUTH WEST CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE — GROWTH FUNDING

**714. Hon ADELE FARINA to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the South West Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

- (1) What growth funding has been paid to South West CAMHS for 2011–12?
- (2) If growth funding is yet to be determined —
  - (a) when will it be determined; and
  - (b) what action is the minister taking to ensure that all children and adolescents unable to access South West CAMHS due to inadequate funding and resourcing are being assessed so that they are able to access appropriate treatment?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2)(a) With regard to the growth funding, the Mental Health Commission's purchasing intentions are still being considered by the Department of Health. The Mental Health Commission has put a proposal to the Department of Health. Those negotiations are taking place, but a certain amount of growth funding is in those purchasing intentions. Those negotiations around the targeted allocation relate to \$6.5 million worth of growth funding. The Mental Health Commission has indicated to the Department of Health that the primary allocation of that growth funding is for child and adolescent mental health services. That has not been finalised yet, but I have a meeting this evening with the Director General of the Department of Health and the Mental Health Commissioner, and I anticipate that these negotiations will be finalised very shortly, if not tonight.

**Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich interjected.**

**Hon HELEN MORTON:** Settle down. The member has no idea what she is talking about. The answer continues —

- (2)(b) With regard to action to make sure that children in the South West can get access to services, all the referrals for children in the South West are triaged and assessed according to their priority. Appropriate treatment options are determined based on the assessment and treatment offered according to the level of urgency.

In the meantime, we are also funding a significant increase in the level of training positions throughout the state for child psychiatrists. We have every intention of increasing the level of resources available throughout the state for children who need mental health services. When I recently met with the country clinical directors and service managers, they gave two absolutely clear messages about the highest priority in country areas for mental health services. One was the recruitment and retention of staff, which continues to be difficult. The second very clear message coming from them was that whatever we do, child and adolescent services in the country are their priority. The messages are very clearly understood. I have subsequently had an invitation from the people in the South West to go to the South West and talk with them. That meeting is being progressed at this stage. I again assure the member that, although we have to triage and prioritise services, that is happening.

## WALMADAN, INBALLAL KARNBOR AND KUNDANDU — REGISTERED ABORIGINAL SITES

**715. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:**

I refer to the answer to question without notice 523, asked on 30 June this year, which relates to the registered Aboriginal sites of Walmadan, Inballal Karnbor and Kundandu, and to the longitude and latitude document on my website.

- (1) Will the minister table the answer today?
- (2) If no to (1), when will the minister provide the requested information, given the previous response that it would be as soon as possible “in the spirit of the occasion”?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This question actually lists the website, which is <http://robinchapple.com/qdata>—is that right?

**Hon Robin Chapple:** Thank you, minister

**Hon PETER COLLIER:** Is that the same question?

**Hon Robin Chapple:** Absolutely. I tried to truncate it for the audience.

**Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY:** The member just missed the number, did she? I can go back and read out that paragraph then.

The Department for Child Protection's funded Street to Home service providers in the Perth inner-city area indicate that there may be between 75 and 160 homeless people sleeping rough in the area. As this is a mobile population, it is difficult to estimate the exact number sleeping rough in the CHOGM security area. I can see that the Labor-Greens coalition is not liking what I am saying. The Australian Bureau of Statistics "Counting the Homeless", 2006 census data indicates that the inner Perth area had a population of 133 homeless people sleeping rough on census night.

The following crisis accommodation services operate at all times and will continue to operate as normal during CHOGM: YMCA Streetsyde emergency youth accommodation, Mission Australia youth accommodation, and 55 Central. For homeless and transitional support services there will be St Bartholomew's House. There are the Salvation Army homeless accommodation, UnitingCare West accommodation and the Salvation Army Bridge House sobering-up centre, which will be open for 24 hours a day during CHOGM. For single women there will be the Ruah-Anawim Aboriginal Women's Services and the Salvation Army Graceville Women's refuge. There are four refuges for women with children. I could go on and on, Mr President, but I think that those opposite have got the message that we are a government that cares about —

**Hon Sue Ellery:** You're not doing enough. It's all about smoke and mirrors.

**Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY:** Okay. We are not doing Street to Home, Mr President? Street to Home operates at all times in the inner city, and it will operate during CHOGM. Street to Home provides people sleeping rough with a comprehensive response, intensive case management, and accommodation with wraparound, whole-of-person support. There is a strong focus on outreach, taking support to the person, and connecting people to housing, health, mental health and other mainstream services to ensure that people sleeping rough have access to, and are supported to maintain, long-term stable accommodation. Eight non-government service providers and the South Metropolitan Area Health Service, mental health, collaboratively case manage clients to ensure their health, mental health, accommodation and social needs are met. The program has three interrelated components. Assertive outreach is provided by teams from St Patrick's Community Support Centre. UnitingCare West and Ruah Community Services make initial, direct contact with rough sleepers to address their most pressing needs and link them to the specialist and mainstream services they require.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order! I think I said before that our current standing orders are silent on the length of answers to questions, except in the case of questions on notice. Members who have been involved in the process will know that within our Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges' deliberations on the standing orders review, this matter has come up and been discussed in various forms. Maybe members will have a closer look at that. I would just like to say that I have no scope to sit any minister down in terms of the length of an answer, but I certainly hope that that answer does not set a precedent for the Minister for Child Protection.

*Statement by President*

**THE PRESIDENT (Hon Barry House):** I have a letter that I was going to refer to if and when the occasion arose during question time today. It is a letter from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, alerting us to the fact that today, 21 September, is the International Day of Peace. It is also the international day of Global Ceasefire, personal and political. The letter contains a request—maybe it is a plea—to legislatures that question time be free from rancour and divisiveness on this day, Wednesday, 21 September, as being a fitting way for all members to acknowledge this important day. I was going to leave it until the end of question time to congratulate members on observing that suggestion, perhaps without even knowing about it, but I have just brought it to members' attention!

**SOUTH WEST CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE**

**790. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the South West Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

- (1) What growth funding has been allocated to South West CAMHS for 2011–12?
- (2) If growth funding is yet to be determined —
  - (a) when will it be determined; and
  - (b) what action is the minister taking to ensure all children and adolescents with mental health problems are able to access South West CAMHS for assessment and appropriate treatment?
- (3) What is the current wait time for assessment by South West CAMHS?
- (4) How many children and adolescents are on the wait list for assessment by South West CAMHS?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2)(a) The Mental Health Commission's purchasing intentions are currently being considered by the Department of Health. Negotiations around the targeted allocation of \$6.5 million in funding are taking place between the Mental Health Commission and the Department of Health, and will be determined shortly.
- (2)(b)–(4) These questions need to be addressed to the Minister for Mental Health. However, I am aware that I have already provided that information to the member, and I ask her to look at answer 714.

*Point of Order*

**Hon ADELE FARINA:** South West CAMHS is an organisation that is actually operated through the Department of Health, and I have asked what the wait time for assessment by South West CAMHS is, and how many children are actually on the wait list. I do not see how the Minister for Mental Health can answer that question when South West CAMHS falls under country health. I have not previously asked that question of the Minister for Mental Health, because it does not fall within her portfolio responsibility.

**The PRESIDENT:** I do not believe that is a point of order; it is a point of clarification with the minister in terms of her direct portfolio responsibilities and her representative portfolios, but it is not a point of order in terms of procedure.

**MOULD OUTBREAKS — SOUTH HEDLAND AND PUNDULMURRA TAFE CAMPUSES****791. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I refer to the mould outbreak in buildings at the South Hedland and Pundulmurra TAFE campuses.

- (1) Will the minister give a direction to ensure that Pilbara TAFE management does not in any way attempt to identify TAFE staff whistleblowers who have made public the handling of this issue?
- (2) What steps will the minister take to ensure the government is acting to respond positively to the concerns and issues raised in the *North West Telegraph* on 14 September in relation to this matter?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The management of Pilbara TAFE will follow the principles outlined in the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003 in dealing with staff that have made public the handling of this issue.
- (2) The Department of Training and Workforce Development is facilitating discussions with Pilbara TAFE to identify responsibilities and will source resources to effectively address the mould situation at both campuses. The department and Pilbara TAFE are also working with Building Management and Works to address the mould issues as quickly as possible.

**SKILLED MIGRATION PROGRAM — EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN LABOUR****792. Hon ALISON XAMON to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I refer to the minister's support to have the skilled migration program extended to increase the number of skilled workers working in Western Australia.

- (1) Is the minister aware of a current dispute on a vessel, the *Highland Navigator*, in the port of Dampier in which it is alleged that there have been significant breaches of the Migration Act in relation to the employment of foreign labour on this vessel?
- (2) Is the minister aware that this vessel is working on the Gorgon project, under contract to Chevron, a company which intends to take full advantage of the recent changes to the Migration Act making it easier to use foreign labour on these massive projects in WA?
- (3) Is the minister aware that there have been allegations of breaches of the Migration Act on the recently completed Woodside offshore construction project on a vessel called the *Venturer* on the Cossack, Wanaea, Lambert and Hermes, or CWLH, redevelopment installation?
- (4) Does the minister believe that before there are any further moves to ease restrictions and protections on the use of foreign labour on resource projects in WA, these breaches of the Migration Act should be investigated in relation to the companies mentioned, and their impact on the employment opportunities and current terms and conditions of employment for Western Australian workers and their families?

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Question without notice  
1085**

**of which some notice is given**

**Tuesday, 20 September 2011**

Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the South West Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and ask -

- 1) What growth funding has been allocated to South West CAMHS for 2011/12?
  - 2) If growth funding is yet to be determined:
    - (a) when will it be determined; and
    - (b) what action is the Minister taking to ensure all children and adolescents with mental health problems are able to access South West CAMHS for assessment and appropriate treatment?
  - 3) What is the current wait time for assessment by South West CAMHS?
  - 4) How many children and adolescents are on the wait list for assessment by South West CAMHS?
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I thank the member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

- 1 & 2(a) The Mental Health Commission's Purchasing Intentions are currently being considered by the Department of Health. Negotiations around the targeted allocation of \$6.5 million in growth funding are taking place between the Mental Health Commission and the Department of Health and will be determined shortly.
- 2 (b) – 4 These questions need to be addressed to the Minister for Mental Health.

*And I believe you have - see answer 714.*