SCHOOLS — DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS IN NORTHAM, YORK AND TOODYAY, AND METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOLS

3029. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Education and Training:

(1) Are district high schools in Northam, York and Toodyay considered part of the metropolitan area’s State high school system by management within the Department of Education and Training?

(2) Did York District Junior High School not have a Mathematics teacher in 2007?

(3) Does York District Junior High School not have a Foreign Language teacher in 2008?

(4) In the 2008 school year how many metropolitan high schools will not have a:

(a) Mathematics teacher; or
(b) Foreign Language teacher?

(5) In the 2008 school year at the district high schools of Northam, York and Toodyay:

(a) how many Tertiary Entrance Examination subjects will not be taught;
(b) what are these subjects;
(c) how many of Tertiary Entrance Examination subjects will be taught by those without the obligatory qualification(s) to teach that subject; and
(d) what are these subjects?

(6) In the 2008 school year at each metropolitan high school:

(a) how many Tertiary Entrance Examination subjects will not be taught;
(b) what are these subjects;
(c) how many Tertiary Entrance Examination subjects will be taught by those without the obligatory qualification(s) to teach that subject; and
(d) what are these subjects?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1) No. They are not considered as part of the metropolitan area. They are country schools managed by the Department of Education and Training.

(2) York District High did have a mathematics teacher during Semester 1 2007, during Semester 2 2007, students completed mathematics studies through the Schools of Isolated and Distance Education under the Supervision of a qualified teacher on site at York District High School.

(3) No

(4) No metropolitan high schools are presently without a mathematics teacher. However, as of 27 February 2008, one mathematics vacancy is unfilled in a metropolitan high school.

(a) One metropolitan high school is without a Foreign Languages teacher.

(5) (a)-(b) [See paper 3797.]

(c) In order to answer this query and to ascertain the TEE subject being taught by schools, every senior high school and campus would need to be contacted individually. Each site would need
to nominate those subjects being offered at their school from the extensive array of TEE subjects. Administrators at these sites would need to confirm that teachers delivering these programs had been deployed within their area of qualification at the school level.

(d) As the completion of this task would be hugely labour intensive and resources exhaustive, it is not possible to supply this information as a response to these questions.

(6) (a)-(d) Please refer to question on notice 2979.

SCHOOLS — TRANSPORTABLE BUILDINGS

3129. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) How many transportable buildings have been utilised in Western Australian government schools in the last six months?

(2) At which schools have these been located and how many have been used at each of these schools?

(3) What is the total cost of purchasing these transportable buildings?

(4) What is the total cost of transporting these buildings to the schools outlined in (2)?

(5) What is the total cost of installing these buildings to the schools outlined in (2)?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1) Sixty one transportable classroom buildings and ten other transportable buildings (toilets and administration buildings) have been located at Western Australian public schools in the period 1 September 2007 to 1 March 2008.

(2) The transportable classrooms have been located at the following schools:

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Settlers Primary School 2
Singleton Primary School 1
Tapping Primary School 8
Wickham Primary School 1
Winthrop Primary School 1

* Denotes new transportable classrooms

(3) The total cost for purchasing new transportable buildings during the period 1 September 2007 to 1 March 2008 was $1.2 million. The majority of the transportable buildings which were relocated formed part of the Department of Education and Training’s existing inventory.

(4)-(5) The Department of Housing and Works tenders the transportation and the installation of transportable buildings together. Consequently separate costs for each activity are not available. The total cost of the transportation and the installation of transportable buildings for the period 1 September 2007 to 1 March 2008 was $4.04 million.

KALAMUNDA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

3147. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Education and Training

With reference to Kalamunda Senior High School:

(a) how much has been allocated for maintenance from the $65m Schools’ Maintenance Program announced on August 8, 2004;

(b) have these funds been expended, and if so, when, and what maintenance was undertaken; and

(c) if not, when will the funds be expended and what maintenance will be provided?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(a) An allocation of $100 659 has been made under the $65 million Fixing Our Schools program for maintenance work at the school.

(b) The work completed to-date is as follows:
   - Replace carpet in room B6 - $2 200
   - Replace ceilings - $18 945
   - Re-surface four courts - $38 000
   - Investigation - dilution pit and control box - $1 126
   - Replace/repair two stoves to Home Economics - $2 600
   - Replace and pack ceiling tiles in gymnasium - $4 380
   - Apply non-slip coating to external metal steps - $485
   - Science quadrangle - remedial work to prevent ponding $700
   - Remove lockers - $3 490
   - Install overflow relief pipes to roof gutters - $4 146

(c) The following work will be completed by 30 June 2008:
   - Retile floors to toilets - $8 000
   - Rectify erosion along path from gym to transportable - $8 000
   - Replace rusted gutters - $8 000

SCHOOLS — NON-ATTENDANCE

3150. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) Can the Minister advise non-attendance figures in 2005, 2006, 2007 for:

(a) Government primary schools in Western Australia; and

(b) Government high schools in Western Australia?

(2) How many of those were truants?

(3) How many school attendance panels have been convened in Western Australia in the last year?

(4) How many of those panels resulted in a child returning to school and attendance becoming satisfactory?
Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1) (a)-(b) Non-attendance figures indicate the percentage of students absent on any given day. They include both authorised (explained by parents) absences and unauthorised absences (unexplained by parent, possible truancy).

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(2) The Department does not keep centralised data on truancy.

(3) 16

(4) 9

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING — APPRENTICESHIPS AND GROUP TRAINING SCHEMES

3151. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) Which group training schemes have received which Government contracts?

(2) How many apprentices are employed through these contracts?

(3) What are the payment arrangements with the relevant training scheme?

(4) Given the current skills shortage, how is the Government facilitating the growth of apprenticeships in Western Australia?

(5) What is the relationship between the Government and Skill Hire?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1) The following registered group training organisations currently receive funding for one or more of the following programs from the Department of Education and Training: Joint Group Training Program (JGTP), Aboriginal School Based Traineeship Program and Hospitality Passport Training Program.

1. AFL Sports Ready Limited.
2. Apprenticeships Western Australia.
3. Directions.
4. Electrical Group Training Ltd.
5. Great Southern Group Training Inc.
7. Health Training Australia (Inc).
8. Hospitality Group Training WA Inc.
9. Housing Industry Association Apprentices Ltd.
10. Kimberley Group Training Inc.
12. Motor Industry Training Association of WA Inc.
13. MPA Skills.
14. Skill Hire Pty Ltd.
15. SMYL Community Services.
16. The West Australian Group Training Scheme Inc.
17. Workplace Employment & Training Services Inc.

(2) As at January 2008, the Department of Education and Training's Training Record System (TRS) currently reports 4,878 apprentices in training with the above registered group training organisations. TRS also reports 1,171 trainees are currently in training with group training organisations.

(3) Group training organisations are funded annually in accordance with the Joint Group Training Program targeted priorities through the Department of Education and Training. This funding is paid in two instalments. Funding for the Aboriginal School Based Traineeship Program is paid progressively based on milestones achieved by the trainees. Funding for the Hospitality Passport Training Program is scheduled over three instalments.

(4) The growth in apprenticeships is being facilitated through the following:

- Trade reforms have been implemented to encourage more young people into apprenticeships.
- The "Fast Track" program recognises the existing skills of experienced workers and allows them to complete apprenticeships in a shorter time frame.
- Funding for the provision of training has been increased to meet the increased demand.
- Funding for TAFE infrastructure has been increased.
- Introduction of the School Apprenticeship Link program and school-based apprenticeships provide students with the opportunity to start trade training whilst at school.
- Apprenticeships are now more flexible with part time apprenticeships being available in most trades.
Increase in ApprentiCentre staff to service and support employers and apprentices.

Introduction of competency based completion to allow apprentices to be issued with Trade Certificate when assessed both by the employer and the training provider as competent in the trade.

Skill Hire is registered as a group training organisation in Western Australia.

AUDITOR GENERAL’S REPORT, MAY 2006 — "BEHIND THE EVIDENCE: FORENSIC SERVICES"

3162. Ms S.E. Walker to the Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs

I refer to the Auditor General’s Report performance examination “Behind the Evidence: Forensic Services Report No. 4 May 2006 which reviewed and examined the efficiency and effectiveness of forensic investigation and analyses conducted by Western Australia Police, PathWest (part of the Department of Health) and Chemistry Centre (part of the Department of Industry and Resources):

(1) Given that in December 2005, PathWest had 37,307 requests for DNA analyses of crime exhibits waiting to be processed:

(a) are there any crime scene forensic evidence backlogs still to examine and profile in Western Australia; and
(b) if so how many and what type of crime is involved in each of the backlogs?

(2) Does any of the backlog include DNA analyses of Mr. Mark Dixie, who lived in Australia between 1993 and 1999, recently convicted of the gruesome murder of a teenage model outside her home in South London?

(3) Are all profiles from all crimes in Western Australia supplied, as a matter of course, to all states and territories for comparison against criminals in their states?

(a) if the answer to (3) is yes, how is this supplied; or
(b) if the answer to (3) is no, which crime profiles are supplied?

(4) What is the turnaround time for DNA profiles taken in Perth?

(a) Is it the same turnaround time as in the United Kingdom, which I understand is 14 days?

(5) Has there now been created a single reliable State exhibit register that records exhibit details and tracks movement within and between agencies?

(a) if the answer to (5) is yes, where is it held and who is able to have access to the register?

(6) Has there been an assessment of the capacity of the forensic services to meet future demand?

(a) if the answer to (6) is yes, has that document been tabled; and
(b) if no assessment has been done yet why not?

(7) Given that delays in obtaining forensic evidence are adversely affecting the justice system, one of the most significant issues being a large backlog in DNA analyses, resulting in delayed prosecutions and court adjournments:

(a) how many accused have remained incarcerated as a result of the lateness of DNA analyses and the delay in trials?

(8) Has the judiciary, the State Director of Public Prosecutions or the Department of the Attorney General, as a result of the Auditor General’s report, seen fit to commence monitoring the number of indictment and trials that are delayed?

(a) if yes to (8), where can that information be found?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(1) The Auditor General reported on the PathWest backlog as being 37,309 items (not cases). This figure did not portray a realistic picture of the situation. It must be emphasised that this figure not only represents items awaiting examination but also:-

- Items currently undergoing examination.
- Items that have been examined and where DNA had not been found and was waiting to be reported.
- Items that have been examined and where DNA was found but was not linked to any other profile on the Database and hence remain open.
• Items that have been examined and where DNA was found and linked to another crime scene but not linked to a known person.
• Items that have been examined and where DNA was found and linked to a known person and was awaiting an evidentiary sample.
• Items that have been examined and for cases where court reports were being produced but had not as yet gone to trial.

Many items have been tested but are awaiting input from third parties or just on hold pending the WA Police finding a suspect. In addition, it is not uncommon to have several hundred exhibits belonging to some major crime cases. These cases often take many months before they go to trial. PathWest Forensic Biology receives over 1,300 major crime and 5,000 volume (property) crime cases plus over 7,000 reference samples annually.

(a) Yes.
(b) The current backlog comprises of 51 major crime and 465 volume crime cases. These are lower priority offences, where there will have been no communications from the Police or DPP. Backlog is defined as "a case that has been submitted to the lab and still not started after 2 months".

(2) None of the above mentioned cases that are held in backlog by PathWest Forensic Biology were committed in the period Mr Mark Dixie was reported as being in Australia.

(3) Yes. All Western Australian crime scene profiles are uploaded to NCIDD. All interstate jurisdictions participate in the NCIDD.

(a) By regular uploads to the NCIDD.
(b) Not applicable.

(4) Where DNA testing is considered high priority, PathWest provides a fast turn-around time of under 24 hours. Property crime jobs are usually completed routinely within one month.

(a) There is literature on the Internet regarding turnaround times of DNA profiling, some of which would not support a turnaround time of 14 days in the UK.

(5) Yes.

(a) The WA Police own and maintain the IMS (Incident Management System). Selected PathWest staff are given access to it on a 'adds needs' basis. All police identification numbers are recorded and entered into the PathWest Forensic Biology computer system.

(6) This question should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

(7) (a) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) only collects data relating to trial listing adjournments, not any other type of court adjournment. In 2007/08 (to the end of February), there were 2 trials adjourned due to delays in obtaining forensic evidence but this did not result in either of the accused persons remaining incarcerated as a result of the delay.

(8) Yes.

(a) The Director of Public Prosecutions has been collecting information about trial adjournments due to delays in forensic evidence since 1 July 2007. This information is available internally via the monthly ODPP Management Reports and will be reported in the operations section of the Annual Report from the 2007/08 report onwards. Collection of information pertaining to delays in the filing of indictments related to forensic evidence issues will commence from 1 July 2008, subject to the requisite database modifications being completed by this time. This information will then be available internally via the monthly ODPP Management Reports and will be reported in the Key Performance Indicator section of Annual Report from the 2008/09 report onwards.

AUDITOR GENERAL’S REPORT, MAY 2006 — ”BEHIND THE EVIDENCE: FORENSIC SERVICES”

3163. Ms S.E. Walker to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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(b) if no assessment has been done yet why not?

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Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

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- Items that have been examined and where DNA was found and linked to a known person and was awaiting an evidentiary sample.
- Items that have been examined and for cases where court reports were being produced but had not as yet gone to trial.

(a) Yes.
(b) The current backlog comprises of 51 major crime and 465 volume crime cases.

(2) No

(3) Yes, all profiles are uploaded to the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database which all interstate jurisdictions participate in.

(a) By regular uploads to the National Criminal Investigation DNA Database by the laboratory.
In WA the DNA processing stream is divided into major crime (Homicide, serious assaults, sexual offences and significant drug seizures) and volume crime (Burglary, stealing and minor assaults). Within each processing stream, requests for analysis are prioritised as to their urgency. Analysis of major crime scene samples which are given urgent priority by WA Police are processed within 24 hours. Volume crime analysis and upload to the DNA Database is routinely completed within one month. Reference DNA samples from persons are uploaded to the DNA Database within 10 working days.

(a) There is literature on the Internet regarding turnaround times of DNA profiling, some of which would not support a turnaround time of 14 days in the United Kingdom.

(b) Not applicable.

Yes

(a) WA Police own and maintain the Incident Management System which is available and used by all WA police officers. Access to Incident Management System is given to the PathWest laboratory to receive and return exhibits sent for analysis, as well as to update analysis results.

(b) Not applicable

Yes. Superintendent Smalpage conducted a WA Police review of forensic services which is currently undergoing an implementation phase

(a) No

(b) Not applicable

This question should be directed to the Attorney General.

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PRISONS — REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

3164. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services

What is the number of full time equivalent (FTE) clinical psychologists, who were exclusively employed to run rehabilitation programs in Western Australia prisons, as at:

(a) 28 February 2004;
(b) 28 February 2005;
(c) 28 February 2006;
(d) 28 February 2007; and
(e) 28 February 2008?

What is the number of FTE staff who were exclusively employed to run rehabilitation programs in Western Australian prisons as at:

(a) 28 February 2004;
(b) 28 February 2005;
(c) 28 February 2006;
(d) 28 February 2007; and
(e) 28 February 2008?

Ms M.M. QUIRK replied:

(a)-(e) The Department does not use the FTE allocated to deliver rehabilitation programs by exclusively employing clinical psychologists. Staff directly involved in the delivery of group based treatment programs to address offending behaviour are employed under the titles of Senior Clinical Intervention Officer or Clinical Intervention Officer. The qualification requirements for these positions are:

"Four year degree in Psychology or Social Work or relevant equivalent qualifications"

The number of FTE allocated is answered in response to Question 2

The number of FTE Clinical Intervention Officers and Senior Clinical Intervention Officers is dependent upon two scenarios - those FTE positions established (i) and those FTE positions actually occupied (ii).

(a) (i) 43
(ii) 30.2
3165. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services

(1) What the number of full time equivalent (FTE) Managers in charge of the rehabilitation programs in Western Australian prisons as at:

(a) 28 February 2004;
(b) 28 February 2005;
(c) 28 February 2006;
(d) 28 February 2007; and
(e) 28 February 2008?

(2) Please provide a break down of the region/area of responsibility for each Manager?

(3) Please advise the location of each Manager’s office?

Ms M.M. QUIRK replied:

(1) (a) 1 level 8, 2 level 7
(b) 1 level 8, 5 level 7
(c) 1 level 8, 5 level 7
(d) 1 level 8, 5 level 7
(e) 1 level 8, 6 level 7

(2) As follows:
- Manager Clinical Services L8 State wide - based at Milligan Street, Perth
- Manager Offender Services Casuarina L7 - based at Casuarina Prison
- Manager Offender Services Women's Custodial L7 - based at Bandyup Women's Prison
- Manager Offender Services Hakea L7 - based at Hakea Prison
- Clinical Services Coordinator Regional (North regional prisons) - based at Milligan Street, Perth
- Clinical Services Coordinator Regional (South regional prisons) including Karnet & Wooroloo - based at Milligan Street, Perth
- Clinical Intervention Coordinator L7 - state wide - based at Milligan Street, Perth

(3) As above

3166. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services

(1) What specialised training do clinical psychologists receive in preparation to deliver rehabilitation programs within the West Australian prison system?

(2) Who provides this training?

(3) When and how does this training occur?

(4) Who provides supervision for regional staff undertaking rehabilitation programs?

(5) How is this supervision facilitated?

Ms M.M. QUIRK replied:

(1)-(3) The Department employs Clinical Intervention Officers to deliver rehabilitation programs within prisons. These are not exclusively clinical psychologists. Staff directly involved in the delivery of group based treatment programs, to address offending behaviour, are employed under the titles of Senior Clinical Intervention Officer or Clinical Intervention Officer. The qualification requirements for these positions are: "Four year degree in Psychology or Social Work or relevant equivalent qualifications."
All new Department of Corrective Services' Clinical Intervention Officers (whether Clinical Psychologists or another discipline) initially sit-in on groups, starting with less intensive sessions with lower risk offenders to observe practice and learn about group process. They then become involved in Supervision, case-noting and will receive regular feedback and information/training from their supervisor during this process.

The newly formed Clinical Governance Unit, under the guidance of the Clinical Development Branch, will be in place in June/July 2008. The Unit is developing a standardised training package to be undertaken by staff prior to their commencement of program facilitation. Since 2005 the Department has used a variety of training delivery methods e.g. Violent Offender Treatment Program (VOTP) training package (one week), and monthly professional development days covering a range of topics presented by outside agencies and Clinical Supervisors within the team. Training topics covered include Ethics, Cognitive-behavioural treatment, Motivational interviewing, Group process; interventions with violent offenders and specific subject matters on "as needed" basis to meet the special needs of offenders.

(4) Clinical Supervisors

(5) Clinical Supervisors attend program sessions and observe facilitators in practice. Feedback sessions are scheduled with facilitators to provide input into their practice.

EXTENDED TRADING HOURS — SUBMISSIONS FROM NON-METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

3167. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Consumer Protection

I refer to the document entitled “Non Metropolitan Local Government Extended Trading Hours Submissions. Permanent/Long Term Adjustments” and ask, in accordance with the guidelines set out thereunder:

(a) is it the current government’s policy to refuse an application for extended trading if the proposal is not supported by the majority of local community members, as stipulated under clause 4;

(b) is it the current government’s policy to refuse an application for extended trading hours if the proposal is not supported by the majority of retailers, as stipulated under clause 4;

(c) for the purposes of clause 4, which of the following are deemed to be “local members of State Parliament” in relation to the City of Bunbury:
   (i) the three MLAs whose Districts cover the City of Bunbury (Bunbury, Leschenault and Capel); or
   (ii) the one MLC who maintains an office within the City of Bunbury; or
   (iii) the remaining MLCs for the South West Region who do not maintain offices in the City of Bunbury?

(d) is it government policy that all local trader organisations must support an extended trading hours proposal before it will be approved;

(e) is it government policy that:
   (i) all; or
   (ii) a majority of local members of State Parliament
   must support an extended trading hours proposal before it will be approved;

(f) has the current State Government approved permanent/long term extended trading hours for a non metropolitan area in the absence of support from the majority of local community members;

(g) has the current State Government approved permanent/long term extended trading hours for a non-metropolitan area in the absence of support from the majority of local retailers;

(h) has the current State Government approved permanent/long term extended trading hours for a non-metropolitan area in the absence of support from the majority of local members of State Parliament; and

(i) has the current State Government approved permanent/long term extended trading hours for a non metropolitan area in the absence of support from the majority of local trader organisations?
Ms S.M. McHALE replied:

(a) The policy requires applicant Local Governments to confirm that their extended trading proposal is supported by the majority of local community members and retailers. Applications which fail to demonstrate majority local community and retailer support will not be approved.

(b) Yes.

(c) The terms of consultation with local MLA's and MLC's are not prescribed as different issues emerge with each application. It is the responsibility of the applicant Local Government to consult with local members of State Parliament they consider relevant to the proposal, and take the views expressed by those consulted, into account. I will then consider and evaluate the outcomes of that process and determine each application on its merits.

(d) No. The guidelines refer to a majority of traders supporting extended hours.

(e) (i-ii) No.

(f)-(i) No.

SCHOOL FUNDING — WILLAGEE AND MURDOCH ELECTORATES

3170. Mr C.C. Porter to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) Can the Minister please provide a yearly breakdown of the funding which has been provided to primary schools in the Willagee and Murdoch electorates since February 2001?

(2) What are the Government’s future commitments for primary school funding in both the Willagee and Murdoch electorates?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1)-(2) The Member does not indicate in his question whether he is referring to annual school grants, capital projects or maintenance. If the Member has a specific question in relation to a specific school I will endeavour to assist.

LUDLOW TUART FOREST — LAND SURROUNDING SAND MINE

3171. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the land surrounding the sand mine in the Ludlow Tuart Forest managed by the Department of Environment and Conservation and ask:

(a) is there a management plan for this area;

(i) if not, why not?

(b) is this a five year plan;

(i) if not, why not?

(c) will the Minister provide a copy of any management plan to the Member for Capel?

(d) what funding has been provided to manage this land, and what is it being spent?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

(a) No.

(i) The preparation of a draft management plan for the Tuart Forest National Park has commenced. A departmental planning team and a community advisory committee have been formed to assist with preparation of the draft management plan.

(b) No.

(i) The management plan will be for a duration of 10 years, or until it is replaced with another management plan.

(c) The Member for Capel will be forwarded a copy of the draft management plan when it is available.

(d) The Department of Environment and Conservation has various sources of funding for this area, including Tuart Conservation Initiative funds ($100 000), Ludlow sand mining offset funds ($730 000), funding for rehabilitation of unmined sections of the mining lease ($750 000) and recurrent funds (part of the Department’s Blackwood District allocation). Expenditure of these funds for visitor facilities and rehabilitation and restoration works has commenced. Recurrent funds have also been allocated to a range of land management activities, including mine rehabilitation, weed and feral animal control, firebreak establishment and maintenance, management planning, visitor facilities maintenance and liaison with mine operators.
POLICE — TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENTS, RED LIGHT AND MULTANOVA CAMERAS AND ROAD
SAFETY

3173. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

(1) What is the current backlog for road traffic infringements waiting to be processed?

(2) Can the Minister provide the number of images taken by red light and Multanova speed cameras for
each month since 2005?

(3) Can the Minister provide the number of films from red light and Multanova speed cameras cancelled
for each month from 2005?

(4) Is road safety considered a core function of the police service?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(1) As of 1 March 2008

   Speed Camera infringement notices - 53 days (7.6 weeks)
   Red Light Camera infringement notices - 99 Days (14.1 weeks)

(2) Prior to the introduction of the Image and Infringement Processing System (IIPS) on 1 July 2006 this
data was manually collated. This answer provides the data from July 2006 which is readily available.

Red Light

A number of images are culled from the infringement process and therefore do not equate to an
infringement notice being issued. Unless the charge can be provide beyond reasonable doubt, an
infringement notice is not issued. Therefore the number of images is not the same as the number of
infringement notices issued.

[See paper 3798.]

(3) This is variable as deployment film may be cancelled for a number of reasons e.g. technical / operator
issues with set up, focus, flash issues. Where there is any doubt of the quality of the film it is culled. The
number of images on a deployment (film) can range from zero to 300 images.

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<th>Cancelled Deployments (Films)</th>
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(4) Yes.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES

3174. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Can the Minister advise:

(a) the total number of reported traffic accidents involving motorcycles;
(b) how many of the reported traffic accidents involving motorcycles resulted in fatalities;
(c) how many reported accidents were attributed to the motorcyclist;
(d) how many reported accidents were attributed to the driver of the other vehicle(s);
(e) how many reported accidents were due to other factors; and
(f) how many of the reported accidents involved wire rope barriers;
for each of the following years:

(i) 2002 – 2003;
(ii) 2003 – 2004;
(iii) 2004 – 2005;
(iv) 2005 – 2006;
(v) 2006 – 2007; and
(vi) 2007 – 2008 (to date),

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

(a) Number of reported crashes involving motor cycles.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Crashes</th>
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<td>2002-2003</td>
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<td>2005-2006</td>
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<td>1 Jul 2007 - 31 Dec 2007</td>
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(b) Number of reported motorcycle crashes resulting in fatality.

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<td>1 Jul 2007 - 31 Dec 2007</td>
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(c)-(d) The crash report data provided to Main Roads by the Police does not include blame attribution.

(e) A number of factors can contribute to a crash and these are not always readily identifiable or captured in the crash report. However the following table indicates those crash reports in (a) above where factors of excessive speed or alcohol have been identified.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Speed Factor Crashes</th>
<th>Alcohol related Crashes</th>
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<td>2002-2003</td>
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<td>2003-2004</td>
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<td>2006-2007</td>
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<td>1 Jul 2007 - 31 Dec 2007</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>17</td>
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(f) Crash reports do not specifically identify wire rope barriers in particular, but include these under the category of "Hit guard rail". In this regard, the following crashes involving a motorcycle hitting a guard rail have been reported.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Hit Guard Rail Crashes</th>
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<td>2002-2003</td>
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Note: The above crash data for "motorcycles" includes motorcycles, trail bikes, mopeds and scooters. The data provided for the period 1 July - 31 December 2007 is the most recent available but is still preliminary pending final audit.
SCHOOLS — BICYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAM

3176. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

(1) What was the total dollar value provided for the Western Australia Police Service’s Bike-Ed program in Western Australian schools in the following years:
   (a) 2000 - 2001;
   (b) 2001 - 2002;
   (c) 2002 - 2003;
   (d) 2003 - 2004;
   (e) 2004 - 2005;
   (f) 2005 - 2006; and
   (g) 2006 - 2007?

(2) What date and by whom was the decision made to withdraw funding from school based bicycle education?

(3) In relation to the Minister’s response to question (1), considering the health and environmental benefits that students can derive from participating in and receiving bicycle education why was funding from school based bicycle education withdrawn?

(4) Can the Minister advise what, if any, replacement initiatives have been considered and/or implemented?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

The Bike Ed program was a training package delivered by teachers, parents and local police within the school environment. The decision for a school to deliver the Bike Ed Program rested with the Principal of the school. Police officers and Police Staff delivered in-service training courses to enable schools to deliver the training to students. In some instances, Police Staff from the Bike Ed unit conducted the course due to the unavailability of teachers and/or parents to run the course. Each of the Bike Ed Staff had their own vehicle and equipped trailer to assist in either running the course at schools or conducting in service courses to teachers, parents and police officers.

(1) Funding for Bike Ed was through a recoup from Bike West and some police internal budgeting e.g. wages component. BP also supported the Bike Ed program with materials i.e. provision of Bike Trailers. WA Police financial records show funding provided by the Road Safety Council, through the Road Trauma Trust Fund, for the Bike Ed Program as:

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<th>Year</th>
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(2)-(3) Following the amalgamation of the WA Police Road Safety Section within the Community Safety Branch in 2004, a functional review was conducted by Police to determine appropriate program and service delivery. The Review found that overall the Bike Ed Program did not align with the Arriving Safely Road Safety Strategy for WA 2003-2007. This strategy emphasizes the role of police in law enforcement on the roads and the WA Police are committed to providing quality policing services at the frontline. The Commissioner of Police ceased WA Police involvement in the Bike Ed Program in 2005 due to competing police operational duties. This decision was balanced against the availability of road safety programs from government and non-government agencies.

(4) The Road Safety Council and the government introduced the Road Aware program in schools in 2003. The Road Aware program provides curriculum support materials and teacher training that is aimed at influencing road safety behaviour of children, young people and their parents. The Road Aware Kids program contains elements that deal with personal attitudes and actions to promote safety. This includes matters such as selecting and maintaining a bicycle, helmet and protective equipment, selecting safer process to ride and analysis of scenarios to identify factors that influence cycling and riding behaviour.
MOTORCYCLES — REGISTRATION STATISTICS

3177. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

(1) Can the Minister advise how many motorcycles have been registered for the first time in each of the following periods:
   (a) 2002 – 2003;
   (b) 2003 – 2004;
   (c) 2004 – 2005;
   (d) 2005 – 2006;
   (e) 2006 – 2007; and
   (f) 2007 – 2008 (to date)?

(2) Can the Minister advise how many R-N class (moped) licenses were issued in each of the following periods:
   (a) 2002 – 2003;
   (b) 2003 – 2004;
   (c) 2004 – 2005;
   (d) 2005 – 2006;
   (e) 2006 – 2007; and
   (f) 2007 – 2008 (to date)?

(3) Can the Minister advise how many R-E class (engine capacity less than 250cc) licenses were issued in each of the following periods:
   (a) 2002 – 2003;
   (b) 2003 – 2004;
   (c) 2004 – 2005;
   (d) 2005 – 2006;
   (e) 2006 – 2007; and
   (f) 2007 – 2008 (to date)?

(4) Can the Minister advise how many R class (any motorcycle) licenses were issued in each of the following periods:
   (a) 2002 – 2003;
   (b) 2003 – 2004;
   (c) 2004 – 2005;
   (d) 2005 – 2006;
   (e) 2006 – 2007; and
   (f) 2007 – 2008 (to date)?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

This matter is within the responsibility of the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. I am answering as the Minister's representative in the Legislative Assembly.

(1) (a) 7,415
    (b) 10,070
    (c) 13,160
    (d) 9,995
    (e) 11,291
    (f) 9,580 as at 8 April 2008

(2) (a) 317
    (b) 380
    (c) 510
    (d) 637
(e) 738
(f) 669 as at 8 April 2008

(3) (a) 2,832
(b) 2,913
(c) 3,303
(d) 4,107
(e) 4,360
(f) 3,656 as at 8 April 2008

(4) (a) 5,201
(b) 5,321
(c) 5,191
(d) 6,193
(e) 6,985
(f) 6,446 as at 8 April 2008

SCHOOLS — RELIEF TEACHERS

3180. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) Is the Minister aware that it may take school administration staff and teaching staff in excess of 60 telephone calls in a single morning for a school to find teaching relief staff?

(2) What initiatives have been implemented by the Department of Education and Training to enable schools to obtain relief teachers on short notice?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1) I am aware that at times some schools do find it difficult to identify suitable relief teachers and that a relatively large number of telephone calls may need to be made before a relief teacher is employed.

(2) All schools develop a register of local teachers who are available for relief assignments at short notice. In addition, a number of established measures are now in place to assist schools with finding suitable relief teachers. These include:

- District education offices coordinating the allocation of relief teachers across schools within the district.
- Districts education offices employing relief teachers to work across schools within a district.
- Transporting retired teachers to country locations to be available across a number of schools for particular periods of time;
- A dedicated pool of relief teachers available to cover short-term vacancies (2-10 weeks) in difficult to staff locations, coordinated by the Department's Staffing Directorate;
- The Entry and Orientation Program to encourage former teachers to return to the Department thereby increasing the number of teachers available for relief work; and
- An active international and interstate teacher recruitment campaign which will increase the number of teachers available for long-term and relief appointments.

Schools also have the flexibility to employ non-teaching staff to carry out a number of administrative duties, including the contacting of relief teachers when required.

SCHOOLS — GIFTED AND TALENTED ARTS PROGRAMS

3182. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) Can the Minister list the government schools located in the current Perth metropolitan area that have gifted and talented arts programmes?

(2) For each of the schools listed in response to question (1) can the Minister list how much State Government funding was made available for each school’s gifted and talented arts programmes for the following periods:

(a) 1997 – 1998;
(b) 1998 – 1999;
(c) 1999 – 2000;
(d) 2000 – 2001;
(e) 2001 – 2002;
(f) 2002 – 2003;
(g) 2003 – 2004;
(h) 2004 – 2005;
(i) 2005 – 2006;
(j) 2006 – 2007; and
(k) 2007 to date

(3) Can the Minister advise how many Western Australian Government school students at each school listed in response to question (1) were participating in gifted and talented arts programmes in the following periods:

(a) 1997 – 1998;
(b) 1998 – 1999;
(c) 1999 – 2000;
(d) 2000 – 2001;
(e) 2001 – 2002;
(f) 2002 – 2003;
(g) 2003 – 2004;
(h) 2004 – 2005;
(i) 2005 – 2006;
(j) 2006 – 2007; and
(k) 2007 to date

(1)-(3) [See paper 3799.]

FREMANTLE EDUCATION DISTRICT — SCHOOL FEES COLLECTED

3184. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) For each secondary school in the Fremantle Education District, what was the total dollar amount collected in voluntary contributions in the following years:

(a) 2004 – 2005;
(b) 2005 – 2006; and
(c) 2006 – 2007?

(2) For each secondary school in the Fremantle Education District, what was the total dollar amount requested by schools in voluntary contributions in the following years:

(a) 2004 – 2005;
(b) 2005 – 2006; and
(c) 2006 – 2007?

(3) Why do Western Australians pay a voluntary contribution towards education and not towards other state services such as police, transport and public hospitals?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1)-(2) This data is held at the school level and is not aggregated centrally.

(3) Financial support provided by parents has always played an enabling role in the provision of resources that extend the school's capacity to add value to students' learning experiences. For example, parent contributions allow schools to provide class sets of text books instead of students having to provide their own.
DISTANCE EDUCATION — NUMBER OF STUDENTS

3185. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) How many Western Australian school students were studying through distance education in:
(a) 2001 - 2002;
(b) 2002 - 2003;
(c) 2003 - 2004;
(d) 2004 - 2005;
(e) 2005 - 2006; and
(f) 2006 - 2007?
(g) 2007 to date

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(1) (a)-(g)

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<td>2008</td>
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The distance education student population fluctuates on a weekly basis due to the needs of individual families and schools. This is especially true of the SIDE schools at the Leederville site. The SIDE Secondary school student population includes enrolments from around 180 public schools. These students may be enrolled in one or more subjects. This may vary from time to time according to timetable and staff changes.

SCHOOLS — CLEANING SERVICES

3186. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Education and Training

In relation to cleaners at the schools within the current electorate of Alfred Cove (Applecross Primary School, Applecross Senior High School, Ardross Primary School, Attadale Primary School, Bicton Primary School, Booragoon Primary School, Melville Primary School, Melville Senior High School, Mount Pleasant Primary School, and Palmyra Primary School):

(a) is the Department of Education and Training aware if any of the above schools are having difficulty finding cleaners and if so which schools;
(b) what initiatives have the Department of Education and Training employed to help government schools in the Perth metropolitan area to find and retain school cleaners;
(c) what is the hourly rate of pay for a school cleaner:
   (i) when was this rate of pay established;
   (ii) when was the last increase; and
   (iii) how much was the last increase;
(d) are government schools allowed to vary the rate of pay in order to attract cleaners when there are two or more vacant cleaning positions that a school is having difficulty filling in the current social and economic environment;
(e) has the Department of Education and Training considered raising the hourly rate for school cleaners; and
(f) what initiatives, if any, have been considered and/or implemented by the Department of Education and Training to provide greater flexibility for schools with regards to the hiring of cleaning staff and if none have been implemented why not?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(a) Department data indicates schools within the electorate of Alfred Cove are no more than 1 cleaner down on required establishment.
(b) At the beginning of the 2008 school year the Department conducted a radio/newspaper recruitment campaign aimed at attracting cleaners and gardeners. As part of the campaign the
Department introduced the 1800 625 985 Cleaners and Gardeners Hotline which is still in place. The Department is also working with the LHMU to pilot a program providing opportunity to migrant workers.

(c) Calculated on a 38 hour week, a base grade cleaner earns $17.38 an hour whilst a cleaner in charge in a large school can earn up to $20.35 per hour. Allowances for split shifts and toilet cleaning increase these rates.

(i) This rate of pay was established 18 May 2007.
(ii) The last increase was 11 January 2008.
(iii) The increase was between 6% and 7%.

(d) The rate of pay is governed by an industrial agreement which the Department is bound by and cannot vary.

(e) N/A

(f) Schools can approve any opportunity to work arrangements which include the opportunity to work in the morning or the afternoon, or a combination of both. In some cases night shifts have been offered in order to attract cleaners, however, in most cases this has not been effective.

BOTANIC GARDENS AND PARKS AUTHORITY — EXPENDITURE ON BOLD PARK AND KINGS PARK

3232. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for the Environment

(1) How much (in dollars) has the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority spent on Bold Park in the following periods (excluding shared expenses):

(a) 1997 – 1998;
(b) 1998 – 1999;
(c) 1999 – 2000;
(d) 2000 – 2001;
(e) 2001 – 2002;
(f) 2002 – 2003;
(g) 2003 – 2004;
(h) 2005 – 2006; and
(i) 2006 – 2007?

(2) How much (in dollars) has the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority spent on Kings Park in the following periods (excluding shared expenses):

(a) 1997 – 1998;
(b) 1998 – 1999;
(c) 1999 – 2000;
(d) 2000 – 2001;
(e) 2001 – 2002;
(f) 2002 – 2003;
(g) 2003 – 2004;
(h) 2005 – 2006; and
(i) 2006 – 2007?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

(a) 1997 - 1998 $150,639
(b) 1998 - 1999 $1,007,735
(c) 1999 - 2000 $941,121
(d) 2000 - 2001 $930,151
Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

(1) Is the Minister considering upgrading the police service video record of interview equipment from analogue to digital?

(2) If the answer to (1) is yes:
   (a) when will the upgrade be completed;
   (b) what is the estimated cost of the upgrade;
   (c) will the upgrade require any structural alterations to police buildings;
   (d) if yes to (c), what alterations will be required and when will the changes be completed; and
   (e) what benefits will come from changing to digital equipment?

(3) If the Minister is not considering upgrading the equipment from analogue to digital, how long can the analogue system continue to be used?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(1) Yes.

(2) (a) It is anticipated all units will be commissioned state-wide by 30 August 2008.
   (b) The acquisition and commissioning costs of 230 replacement and 25 additional new units is $3.9 million.
   (c) No.
   (d) Not applicable.
   (e) Old technologies have contributed to breakdowns occurring, leading to failures in business continuity.

   The benefits of the new equipment include:
   • 4 DVDs of interview made in the first instance:
   • Master Copy;
   • Copy immediately available for the defendant or approved representative;
   • Copy immediately available for DPP; and
   • Working copy for the attending Police.
   • Reduction in workload for the custodian of tapes, no longer having to duplicate copies for service.
   • Reduction in physical storage volume of Master DVD for retention.
   • Advanced technology guarantees 100 year archive quality grade of DVD.
   • Inclusion of 40 portable confessional recording units for rapid deployment.
   • Automatic adjustments for daylight savings configurations.
   • Capacity to be remotely diagnosed over the WAPOL network if required.
3236. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

(1) What was the FTE sworn and unsworn police strength for the Palmyra Police Station in 2007?
(2) What was the rate of sick leave for that station in 2007?
(3) How many hours overtime were incurred at that station in 2007?
(4) How many hours overtime were incurred recalling officers back to duty to maintain authorised operational strength?
(5) How many duty hours were dedicated to general patrolling of the Palmyra Police District for 2007?
(6) How many offence reports were received by staff at the Palmyra Police Station during 2007?
(7) How many charges were preferred against offenders in 2007 by the Palmyra Police Station?
(8) Did the Palmyra Police Station provide a night shift patrol service during 2007; and
   (i) if not, why not; and
   (ii) if yes, how many hours were allocated to it for the year;
(9) What hours was the Palmyra Police Station open to serve the general public during 2007?
(10) What hours will the Palmyra Police Station be open to serve the general public during 2008?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(1) Western Australia Police advise that due to operational sensitivities information relating to staffing levels of individual police stations is not released. Resources are principally allocated at a District level and District Superintendents deploy these resources within their District to provide the best possible policing service to meet operational requirements and the varying needs of the community.

However, South Metropolitan District numbers as at January 2007:
409 x Sworn FTE and 31.5 x Police Staff.

As at December 2007 413.5 x Sworn FTE and 31.5 x Police Staff.

(2) 1677.5 hours. It should be noted that this sick leave was not spread across a large number of staff but as a result of serious illness involving a small number of officers. Privacy prevents any further comment.

(3) 847.5 hours.

(4) Nil.

(5) Police vehicles are on the road for a number of reasons i.e. tasking, conveyance, traffic duties, targeted patrols, firearm/gun cabinet checks etc. To determine the duty hours dedicated to general patrolling in the Palmyra subdistrict for one year would take a significant amount of time and resources to collate. The Commissioner of Police has advised he is not prepared to divert resources away from core policing activities to collate this data.

Metropolitan districts are also supported by other police subdistricts and centrally located resources such as the Regional Operations Group, the Traffic Enforcement Group and the Major Incident Group, they are tasked to support Districts as required. The number of police officers allocated to a police station is not an absolute indicator of WA Police's ability to respond to demand for police services. Initiatives such as the Police Metropolitan Radio Network and the Police Assistance Centre have also enabled more officers to be available for frontline duties and enhance police response times.

(6) 3348 Offence Reports were taken. Some of these reports related to matters outside the Palmyra sub-district.

(7) A total of 841 charges on 476 persons.

(8) (i) Yes.
   (ii) 2920 hours.

(9) 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs Monday to Friday.

(10) 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs Monday to Friday.
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTRES — OVERCROWDING

3237. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Corrective Services
(1) With regard to the Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre, what were the overcrowding levels for each month of 2007?
(2) With regard to the Rangeview Juvenile Detention Centre, what were the overcrowding levels for each month of 2007?
(3) How long has the Minister been aware that these institutions were overcrowded?
(4) Have any juvenile detainees been housed in an adult prison or police lockup as a result of the overcrowding during 2007?
(5) As the Government has allocated $6.6 million to expand accommodation for juvenile detainees, when and how will this money be spent and when will the expanded accommodation facilities be completed?
(6) What other steps has the Minister taken to alleviate overcrowding at these centres?

Ms M.M. QUIRK replied:
(1) Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre did not reach its maximum capacity at any time during 2007.
(2) Rangeview Juvenile Remand Centre did not reach its maximum capacity at any time during 2007.
(3) Not applicable.
(4) No juveniles have been held in Adult prisons during 2007. Five juvenile detainees were held in East Perth Lock-up for 2 days over the weekend of the 10 and 11 March 2007.
(5) $1.4M is to be used to improve detainee support infrastructure for Young Women and Girls at Rangeview Remand Centre. The completion date of these works is scheduled for April 2009. $5.2M is to be spent on constructing a new 24-bed unit at Banksia Hill Detention Centre, which is scheduled for completion in March 2010.
(6) There is evidence to show that just under a third of young people are remanded to detention for minor offences such as disorderly conduct and approximately 90% of those young people remanded in custody do not return to detention following sentencing. Senior Representatives from the Department continue to work with other Government agencies e.g. the Department of Child Protection, the Judiciary and the WA Police, and Non-Government agencies to identify options to reduce the high number of juveniles remanded in custody. Each and every admission to Rangeview is assessed by the Supervised Bail Unit (SBU) for bail options and is referred to the Children's Court for bail variations if required. The Court has the capacity to stand down a matter or remand for a report on bail options. The SBU (part of the Family Liaison Unit operating out of the Rangeview Remand centre) works with the Juvenile Justice Officers, the Department of Child Protection and a range of community based services to assess and facilitate Responsible Person Bail Undertakings for young people being remanded in custody. An additional 2 beds have been purchased from Drug Arm in the metropolitan area to further assist young people to meet the criteria to facilitate bail. On a practical note, Banksia Hill and Rangeview Juvenile Detention Centres have decided to utilise double-bunking and to take other necessary steps to effectively manage the consistently high numbers of offenders. In addition, the Office of the Auditor General is currently reviewing diversionary options for young people.

GRAFFITI OFFENCES

3239. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
(1) For the year 2007, how many offence reports to police were made concerning graffiti damage?
(2) What was the total value of the damage resulting from this graffiti?
(3) How many persons were charged with graffiti offences for the year 2007?
(4) Of the figure reported in (3):
   (a) how many were adult offenders;
   (b) how many adult offenders were sentenced to imprisonment;
   (c) how many were juvenile offenders; and
   (d) how many juvenile offenders were sentenced to detention?
(5) How many orders from the Children’s Court were made against juvenile offenders ordering them to clean graffiti off as part of their punishment?
(6) What initiatives has the Government implemented to reduce graffiti offences and how successful have those initiatives been?
How many people have reported instances of graffiti to the Goodbye Graffiti hotline number 1800 44 22 55 and to the goodbye.graffiti.wa.gov.au website since the program was implemented?

Have any graffiti offenders been caught following information provided by members of the public to the Goodbye Graffiti program since it was implemented; and

(a) if so, how many?

When members of the public call the Goodbye Graffiti hotline to report instances of graffiti, why can it take more than 15 minutes for their details to be recorded by the phone staff?

As this extensive period of time on the graffiti hotline may deter members of the public from reporting additional instances of graffiti, what measures have been implemented to expedite the calls?

Will the Government consider making the offenders responsible for cleaning their own graffiti in public areas; and

(a) if not, why not?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(1) There were 15,590 offence reports to police for graffiti for the year 2007.

(2) While data on the value of damage to property from graffiti is required for the purposes of submitting a police incident report the value is not cumulated from those reports and is not representative due to estimates often being inaccurate or not provided.

(3) There were 948 persons charged with graffiti offences for the year 2007

(4) Of the 948 graffiti offenders charged for the year 2007:

(a) 162 were adults (18 years or older)

(b) Unable to be provided. Graffiti offences are charged under the broad offence of damage and therefore sentencing statistics from the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Corrective Services are an amalgam of outcomes for graffiti offences and all other damage offences.

(c) 786 were juveniles (under 18 years)

(d) Unable to be provided. (see 4 (b))

(5) Unable to be answered as no information is recorded or held regarding these matters by WA Police.

(6) State Graffiti Vandalism Reduction Strategy 2007 - 2010 was launched on the 5 August 2007 to:

• Establish a State Graffiti Hotline;
• Improve the automated reporting system located on the Goodbye Graffiti website;
• Run a Community Awareness Campaign;
• Run a 'Bag-a-Tagger' phone-in campaign;
• Develop a Rewards Program;
• Investigate the feasibility of a totally automated reporting and recording system for graffiti;
• Develop a template for Service Level Agreements;
• Facilitate the introduction of legislative changes allowing local government officers entry onto private property to remove graffiti;
• Develop a Community Action Day;
• Re-establish an industry-managed, certified training course for graffiti removal;
• Develop guidelines that incorporate anti graffiti design principles;
• Establish a school based education program;
• Increase grant funding for innovative anti graffiti projects;
• Purchase CCTV camera units to be used by local governments for hot spot surveillance; and
• Increase sanctions for juvenile offenders to include clean-up orders, victim mediation and a case-managed behaviour modification program.

• A number of the initiatives have been implemented with the remainder in various stages of roll out. A comprehensive evaluation will be undertaken in July 2009 at which time initiatives will be measured as to their level of success.

Data available on State Graffiti Hotline since 24 September 2007 to the week ending 30 March 2008 is 2239 (weekly average 83) calls. Data available on Goodbye Graffiti website since 11 February 2008 to the week ending 13 April 2008 is 909 (weekly average 101) reports.

Yes. (a) Crime Stoppers are currently handling the majority of graffiti offender information and do not have a recording system in place that is able to provide an exact figure.
Unless the specific details of the call on which this question is based are provided an accurate response cannot be provided. Generally a call to the Police Assistance Centre reporting an incident will take on average 8.5 minutes. In the first quarter of 2008 the duration of a call to the State Graffiti was on average 5.48 minutes. Durations will vary based on such matters as the nature of the call made, the level of detail required to process the report, expertise of the operator and the ability of the caller to furnish accurate information.

Information obtained from the Police Assistance Centre has not been able to substantiate that a call exceeding 15 minutes was ever received on the State Graffiti Hotline. Operators at the Police Assistance Centre are trained to manage calls in the most expedient way possible.

Yes. The Repay WA provides for the supervision and transportation of adult graffiti offenders on community work orders around the metropolitan area to remove graffiti from state government assets. Under the State Graffiti Vandalism Reduction Strategy the government is also investigating the mechanisms for introducing clean-up orders for juvenile graffiti offenders.

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(a) Not applicable

GRAFFITI OFFENCES

3240. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Attorney General

(1) How many FTE magistrates were there in the Western Australian justice system for:

(a) 2006; and

(b) 2007?

(2) How many FTE magistrates were based in the new Perth Magistrate’s Court in:

(a) 2006; and

(b) 2007?

(3) What was the individual workload of each FTE magistrate in the State for:

(a) 2006; and

(b) 2007?

(4) Is the Government considering engaging more FTE magistrates to reduce their workload and improve the efficiency of the magistrate court system; and

(a) if so, when are any changes planned; or

(b) if not, why not?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(1) (a) 40 permanent magistrates and one acting magistrate appointed until 30 May 2008 (as at 31 December 2006).

(b) 44 permanent magistrates and two acting magistrates: one appointed until 30 May 2008 and one appointed until 30 June 2008 (as at 31 December 2007).

(2) (a) 22 permanent magistrates.

(b) 23 permanent magistrates and one acting magistrate appointed until 30 June 2008.

The figures in 1 and 2 are for appointments under the Magistrates Court Act 2005 and do not include the Deputy Coroner, Children's Court magistrates or Family Court magistrates.

(3) (a) 3739 cases

(b) 3477 cases

Individual workload figures are not available; however, the figures above reflect an average of civil and criminal lodgements per magistrate.

(4) Yes, two more permanent magistrates including the one already announced for the Kimberley.

(a) Following the announcement of the Budget for the 2008/2009 financial year.

(b) Not applicable.

HOSPITALS — EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAITING LISTS

3243. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the following:
(a) what was the average waiting time to be treated by a doctor within a designated emergency
department in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007; and

(b) what was the number of patients on a waiting list to see a specialist at 31 December 2007?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) The average waiting time to be treated by a doctor within a designated emergency
department in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007 was 25 minutes (median)
or 44 minutes (mean).2

(b) As at 31 December 2007 there were 13,615 patients waiting4 to be seen by a specialist at a
surgical outpatient clinic at metropolitan public hospitals5.

Notes:
1. Doctor for metropolitan hospitals and earliest of doctor or nurse for rural hospitals.
2. The data source is the Department of Health’s Emergency Department Data
Collection. Data were prepared on 17 March 2008.
3. Patients may have more than one referral; each referral is counted in this number and
therefore individual patients may be counted more than once.
4. Patients are waitlisted to an outpatient clinic and an appointment is advised four to six
weeks before the due date.
5. Outpatient referrals information not supplied to the Department of Health’s source
databases by country hospitals or Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses.

HEALTH SPECIALISTS—NUMBER OF PATIENTS WAITING FOR APPOINTMENTS

3244. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise how many people in Western Australia were waiting to see specialists to decide whether
they should go on a public hospital waiting list for surgery as at:

(a) 1 August 2007;
(b) 1 October 2007;
(c) 1 September 2007;
(d) 1 November 2007;
(e) 1 December 2007;
(f) 1 January 2008;
(g) 1 February 2008; and
(h) 1 March 2008?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

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Notes:
1. Closest available data to the dates specified in the question.
Patients may have more than one referral; each referral is counted in this number and therefore individual patients may be counted more than once.

Patients are waitlisted to an outpatient clinic and an appointment is advised four to six weeks before the due date.

Outpatient referrals information not supplied to the Department of Health's source databases by country hospitals or Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses.

(b) and (c) listed out of date order, as per the Question.

SURGERY WAITING LIST

Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With regards to the State’s surgery waiting list, can the Minister advise:

(a) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007;

(b) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery for other reasons (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007;

(c) how many cases were removed from the waiting list as ‘Admission for Procedure’ (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007;

(d) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each of the following categories:
   (i) external audit (health service);
   (ii) patient no longer wants procedure;
   (iii) patient non contactable;
   (iv) procedure no longer performed; and
   (v) surgery no longer appropriate,

for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007; and

(e) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery (other removals) (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each of the following categories:
   (i) admitted as emergency for waitlisted condition;
   (ii) duplicate entry;
   (iii) patient had procedure elsewhere (e.g. attended GP or private hospital);
   (iv) procedure performed during emergency admission for other condition; and
   (v) transferred to another hospital,

for each for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a)-(e) See attached document. [See paper 3800.]

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICES AT ALVAN STREET AND CENTRO AVENUE, SUBIACO

Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the following:

(a) how many administrative staff were located at Alvan Street and Centro Avenue Subiaco as at 1 July 2004, 2005, 2006, for each month of 2007 and 2008 to date;

(b) at what levels were each of the staff in (a) employed;

(c) how many consultants were located at Alvan Street and Centro Avenue Subiaco for each of the years 2004 to 2008; and

(d) the current placement details of all employees and consultants following the closure of the Department of Health offices at Alvan Street and Centro Avenue Subiaco in 2008?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a)-(e) See attached document. [See paper 3801.]
For the period 2 August to 31 December 2004.

2 For the period 1 to 8 January there was one consultant located for Alvan Street. From 9 January to 31 December, two consultants were located at Alvan Street.

3 From 9 April 2008 there was only one consultant at Alvan Street.

Note: There were no consultants located at the Centro Avenue office.

(d) Officers located at Alvan Street will relocate to the Royal Street building. The future of the Centro Avenue Office is under review depending on the overall requirement for office accommodation in the metropolitan area for administrative and/or clinical support functions.

**METROPOLITAN PUBLIC HOSPITALS — USE OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES**

3248. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise:

(a) for each of the metropolitan hospitals, which employment agencies have been used to obtain agency personnel since 1 January 2007 to date; and

(b) how many agency staff have been employed through those agencies?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) See attached document. [See paper 3802.]

(b) Table 1 shown below represents the Cumulative Average FTE employed by the Area Health Services since 1 January 2007 to 29 February 2008.

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<td>Child and Adolescent Health Service</td>
<td>81</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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**NOTE:**

- Information extracted from the Data Warehouse 31 March 2008.
- The Cumulative Average (FTE) for the period 1 January 2007 to 29 February 2008 is shown in Table 2.
- The "Cumulative Average FTE" is the average number of FTE engaged during each financial year of the period 1 January 2007 to 29 February 2008.
- A "0" indicates the engagement of personnel, however the number of hours recorded as per the data warehouse is too low to register an FTE once the figures are rounded.
- Data is only provided until 29 February 2008, as the data is incomplete for the month of March 2008, pending the processing of March 2008 invoices.

**PUBLIC HOSPITALS — CLINICAL DEPARTMENTS INSTRUCTED TO REDUCE NUMBER OF FTE STAFF**

3249. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each month of 2007, which clinical departments have been asked to cut FTEs and by how many in each of the following hospitals:

(a) Royal Perth Hospital;
(b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
(c) Fremantle Hospital;
(d) Princess Margaret Hospital;
(e) King Edward Memorial Hospital;
Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a)-(f) For each month of 2007 nil requests were made to cut FTE in clinical departments.

(g) Not available.

RURAL AND REGIONAL PUBLIC HOSPITALS — VACANCIES FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES

3250. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

I refer to rural and regional public hospitals, and ask:

(a) how many vacancies were there for doctors at 31 December 2007 in each regional and rural public hospital in Western Australia; and

(i) where were those vacancies and for how long have they existed;

(b) how many vacancies were there for nurses at 31 December 2007 in each regional and rural public hospital in Western Australia; and

(i) where were those vacancies and for how long have they existed?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

See attached document. [See paper 3803.]

ROYAL PERTH AND SIR CHARLES GAIRDNER HOSPITALS — ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS

3251. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

(1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Royal Perth Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner hospitals from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007?

(2) Who were the consultants?

(3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?

(4) What is the duration of each consultancy?

(5) What is the cost of each consultancy?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

For the purposes of this response, the term "consultant" is defined according to the Premier's Circular (2005/08): Report on Consultants Engaged by Government whereby details of contracts are included under the following criteria:

• Contracts valued at $20,000 and above;
• Awarded by the agency that are subject to the State Supply Commission Act; and
• For persons engaged on a fee-for-service basis to provide strategic advice for Government to act on.

(1) Nil

(2)-(5) Not applicable.

HEALTH PORTFOLIO — STAFFING STATISTICS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

3252. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each department or agency in the Health portfolio, can the Minister provide the following information as at 1 July 2007 and 1 January 2008:

(a) how many staff were employed in total and at each level;

(b) how many permanent staff were employed;

(c) how many non-permanent staff were employed;

(d) how many substantive positions were filled in an acting capacity; and

(e) how many substantive positions were filled in an acting capacity for longer than three months?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a)-(c) Data presented is a head count of employees for the last pay period for the months of June 2007 and December 2007. See attached [tabled paper 3804.].
Notes:
In the WA public health system, staff are paid under numerous awards, each prescribing a different pay structure and level. No single hierarchical structure exists which can be used to group individuals at the same level. The response to this Parliamentary Question groups staff by GOSAC salary levels and provides an appropriate and consistent classification mechanism. This grouping is consistent with current statutory whole of government reporting framework and includes all award payments to medical, nursing and administrative employees.

Permanent employment has been defined to include full time and part time employees.

Non-permanent employees are those who are engaged for a set period or do not have an ongoing employment arrangement (i.e. casuals).

Employees who were acting for more than 90 days were used in calculating the response to part (e) of this question.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS — STATISTICS ON ADMINISTRATION STAFF
3253. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
Can the Minister advise:
(a) how many administration staff were employed in Western Australian public hospitals at 31 December 2007 (provide a breakdown of numbers and hospitals); and
(b) how many administration staff have resigned, retired or were terminated from Western Australian public hospitals in 2007?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:
(a) and (b) Out of a total of 35,232 (28,164 FTE) staff across all disciplines for the whole of the Department of Health 4,069 (3,389 FTE) or 1.15% were employed at Western Australian public hospitals as General Administration and Clerical staff as at December 2007.

For a breakdown by Area Health Service and Hospital and including the number of resignations, retirements and terminations, please see attached document Table 1 [See paper 3805].

HEALTH DEPARTMENT — FULL-TIME MEDICAL STAFF
3258. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
Can the Minister provide the following information as at 1 July 2007 and 1 January 2008:
(a) what was the total number of full-time medical staff employed by the Health Department of Western Australia;
(b) what number of these actually practised ‘hands on’ medicine;
(c) what number worked in administration;
(d) what was the total number of full-time registered nurses employed by the Department;
(e) what number of these actually practised ‘hands on’ medicine; and
(f) what number worked in administration?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:
(a) and (b) The current HR System records the time worked by the clinician (medical and nursing) not the type of duties performed such as 'hands on' medicine, administration, etc. hence it is not possible to provide the information requested at (b-c) and (e-f).
All clinical staff undertake clinical and administrative duties, and a range of other non 'hands on' duties including management, research, training and development. Clinicians may also undertake project and leadership roles across the Department of Health so that their expertise forms part of system reforms.

(d)  

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(e-f) See response to (b-c)

Notes:

Data presented is a head count of employees for the last pay period for the months of June 2007 and December 2007.

Medical excludes Visiting Medical Practitioners as they are not employees of WA Health.

Nursing includes registered and enrolled nurses but excludes dental assistants, dental nurses and nursing agency staff.

ROYAL PERTH AND SIR CHARLES GAIRDNER HOSPITALS — CONSULTANTS

3260. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

(1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Royal Perth Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007?

(2) Who were the consultants?

(3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?

(4) What is the duration of each consultancy?

(5) What is the cost of each consultancy?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(1) to (5) Please see the response provided on PQ 3251.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT — EXPENDITURE ON ADVERTISING

3261. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the total amount expended on advertising by the Western Australian Health Department for the year 2007?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

The following table identifies expenditure on advertising by WA Health entities for the calendar year to 31 December 2007:

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<td><strong>TOTAL WA HEALTH</strong></td>
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(1) The Metropolitan Health Service comprises of the North and South Metropolitan Area Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Service, PathWest, Dental Health Service, Health Corporate Network and the Peel Health Service.

Note: Information provided by Health Corporate Network.

Advertising Expenditure was obtained from the General Ledger Balance to the end of 31 December 2007.

The above table includes staff recruitment advertising.
DENTAL HOSPITALS AND GOVERNMENT DENTAL CLINICS — VACANT POSITIONS

3262. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the number of vacant positions at each of the dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics for each month from August 2007 to the end of February 2008 for:

(a) dentists;
(b) dental nurses;
(c) dental assistants; and
(d) dental prosthetists?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a)-(d) See attached document [See paper 3813.]

DENTAL HOSPITALS AND GOVERNMENT DENTAL CLINICS — NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND WAITING TIMES

3263. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise:

(a) how many patients were treated at each of the dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics for each month of 2007; and
(b) how many patients were there on the waiting list for dental treatment at dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics for each month from 1 July 2007 to 29 February 2008 in terms of waiting times and the total number of people waiting for treatment?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) See attached document [See paper 3806.]
(b) See attached document [See paper 3806.]

HEALTH — DIALYSIS MACHINES

3264. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the following:

(a) how many dialysis machines are available to patients in Western Australia;
(b) at which hospitals and clinics are these located;
(c) how many patients did each machine service for each month of 2007;
(d) what was the average wait time for access to the machines in 2006 and 2007; and
(e) what is the current average wait time for access?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) 226 dialysis machines are currently available. In addition, 3 dialysis machines are kept for training purposes (Home Dialysis).

Note: A number of these machines have been outsourced by WA Health, as outlined in the attached Table 1.

(b) and (c) See attached document Table 1 [tabled paper 3807.]

(d) and (e) See attached document Table 2 [tabled paper 3807.]

PUBLIC HOSPITALS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENT PRESENTATIONS

3265. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

What were the total number of emergency departments’ patient presentations at the following hospitals for 2007:

(a) Sir Charles Gardiner;
(b) Royal Perth;
(c) Fremantle;
(d) Princess Margaret;
(e) Rockingham-Kwinana;
(f) Swan;
(g) Armadale-Kelmscott;
Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a)-(m) The total numbers of emergency department patient attendances at the following hospitals for 2007 were:

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<tr>
<th>Hospital</th>
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<tr>
<td>(a) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital</td>
<td>51,177</td>
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<td>(b) Royal Perth Hospital</td>
<td>57,943</td>
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<td>(c) Fremantle Hospital</td>
<td>46,227</td>
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<td>(d) Princess Margaret Hospital</td>
<td>56,766</td>
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<td>(e) Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital</td>
<td>44,920</td>
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<td>(f) Swan Districts Hospital</td>
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<td>(g) Armadale Kelmscott Hospital</td>
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<td>(j) Albany Hospital</td>
<td>21,811</td>
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<td>(k) Bunbury Hospital</td>
<td>32,075</td>
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<td>(l) Geraldton Hospital</td>
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<td>(m) Kalgoorlie Hospital</td>
<td>23,118</td>
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Notes:
An attendance at the emergency department occurs if the patient is registered in any manner in one of the electronic data collection systems, i.e. includes those cases that have not been completely clerically registered.

A presentation at the emergency department occurs when the patient is fully registered clerically, that is has a UMRN, and has been triaged, indicated by a code of 1,2,3,4 or 5.

Since attendances represent a more complete measure of activity than presentations, they have been provided in this response.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS — SURGEONS AVAILABLE IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

3266. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With regards to emergency departments at each public hospital/campus, can the Minister advise the following:

(a) what was the total number of surgeons (FTEs) available at the end of each month in 2007 and January and February 2008; and

(b) what was the breakdown for each hospital/campus?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

Please refer to Legislative Assembly parliamentary question 3135.

ORGAN DONATION

3267. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With reference to Western Australian residents who have registered for organ donation, I ask:

(a) how many people have registered for each month from September 2007 until February 2008;

(b) what proportion of eligible people in Western Australia have registered for organ donation for the above period;
Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) Total organ and tissue registrations on the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR) for each month are as follows:

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<th>Period</th>
<th>Total West Australians Registered</th>
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<td>September/October</td>
<td>641030</td>
<td>838</td>
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<td>October/November</td>
<td>641882</td>
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<td>January/February</td>
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(b) 41% of the eligible population (those over 16 years old) in Western Australia are registered on the AODR as of February 2008.

(c) Percentage of eligible population registered:

- New South Wales: 53%
- South Australia: 51%
- Tasmania: 48%
- Western Australia: 41%
- Queensland: 27%
- Victoria: 18%
- Australian Capital Territory: 17%
- Northern Territory: 12%

(d) The Department of Health has embarked on a three (3) year media campaign entitled "Don't Waste Your Wish", which uses television and print advertising to promote organ and tissue donation and to encourage Western Australians to Register. From September 2007 to March 2008 DonateWest has presented to 71 schools, community groups, health seminars and health education talks.

(e) Evaluation of the "Don't Waste Your Wish Campaign", demonstrated a 300% increase in phone calls from West Australians to the AODR and a 400% increase in people going to the DonateWest website to find out more about registering.

The initial registration figures on the AODR show that 1641 West Australians registered after the launch of the "Don't Waste Your Wish Campaign".

Note: Data source for this reply is Medicare 2008, Australian Organ Donor Register.

HEALTH — PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES

3268. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With reference to physiotherapy services offered by the Western Australian Health Service:

(a) which public hospitals in Western Australia currently provide physiotherapy services;

(b) how many physiotherapists were employed by each hospital as at 30 September for each of the years 2005 to 2007;

(c) how many patients received physiotherapy services at each hospital and in each of the years 2005 to 2007;

(d) how many rehabilitation beds are currently available at each hospital; and

(e) what is the current ratio of physiotherapists to rehabilitation beds?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) See attached document Table (a) [tabled paper 3808.]
(b) See attached document Table (b) [tabled paper 3808.]
(c) See attached document Table (c) [tabled paper 3808.]
(d) See attached document Table (d) [tabled paper 3808.]
(e) The 2007 ratio of physiotherapists to rehabilitation beds, derived from the answers to parts (b) and (d) is 0.96.

This figure should be interpreted with caution as physiotherapists provide treatment to a broader range of patients than rehabilitation patients. In addition, physiotherapy services are provided at many hospitals that do not have designated rehabilitation beds.

MIDWIVES — QUALIFICATION ALLOWANCE

3270. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health

I refer to the qualification allowance to be paid to midwives in Western Australian hospitals and ask:

(a) will the allowance be backdated to July 2007;
(b) will casually employed midwives be paid the backdated allowance; and
   (i) if not, why not;
(c) will casually employed midwives be paid the allowance into the future; and
   (i) if not, why not;
(d) what proportion of midwives employed in Western Australian State hospitals in both metropolitan and country regions work on a casual basis; and
(e) how many Western Australian State hospitals operate currently without the use of casual midwives?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) Yes.
(b) & (c) No.
   (i) The industrial agreement negotiated with the Australian Nursing Federation provides that qualifications allowances are not paid to nurses or midwives engaged on a casual basis.

(d) Casual staff are those engaged on a fixed term basis. Agency employees are not considered staff as they are engaged on a contract for service basis.

In the metropolitan area the following hospitals do not provide maternity services: Royal Perth Hospital, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital and Graylands Hospital.

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<th>Metropolitan Hospitals</th>
<th>Proportion of midwives working on a casual basis (%)</th>
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<td>Osborne Park Hospital</td>
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<td>Women &amp; Newborn Health Service</td>
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<td>Swan Kalamunda Health Service</td>
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<td>Armadale Health Service</td>
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<td>Bentley Health Service</td>
<td>24.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kaleeywa Hospital</td>
<td>20.0</td>
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<td>Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital</td>
<td>33.0</td>
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<th>Country Hospitals</th>
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<td>Albany Hospital</td>
<td>28.1</td>
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<td>Esperance District Hospital</td>
<td>81.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Geraldton Regional Hospital</td>
<td>23.5</td>
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<td>Kununurra District Hospital</td>
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<td>Nichol Bay Hospital</td>
<td>9.5</td>
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<td>Norseman District Hospital</td>
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<td>Northam District Hospital</td>
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(e) No metropolitan hospitals operate without the use of casual midwives.

The following country hospitals operate without the use of casual midwives:
Bridgetown District Hospital;  
Broome District Hospital;  
Bunbury Regional Hospital;  
Busselton District Hospital;  
Denmark Hospital;  
Derby Regional Hospital;  
Donnybrook Health Service;  
Fitzroy Crossing Community Health;  
Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital;  
Katanning Hospital;  
Leschenault Primary Care Unit;  
Margaret River District Hospital;  
Narrogin Regional Hospital;  
Plantagenet Hospital Mt Baker;  
Port Headland Regional Hospital; and  
Tom Price District Hospital.

Notes:
In the country, the hospitals include Onslow, Paraburdoo, Roebourne, Tom Price, Boddington, Beverley, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Cunderdin, Dalwallinu, Dumbleyung, Goomalling, Kellerberrin, Kondinin, Kununoppin, Lake Grace, Merredin, Narembeen, Pingelly, Quairading, Southern Cross, Wagin, Wongan Hills, Wyalkatchem, Wyndham, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Laverton, Leonora, Ravensthorpe, Norseman, Dongara, Kalbarri, Meekatharra, Morawa, Mullewa, Northampton, North Midlands, Mount Magnet, Exmouth, Augusta, Boyup Brook, Donnybrook, Harvey, Nannup and Pemberton.

Maternity service includes the support, care and advice during pregnancy, labour and the post discharge period.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS — WAITING LISTS FOR NON-URGENT SURGERY

3272. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With reference to the following non-urgent surgery:

(a) hip replacements;
(b) knee replacements;
(c) grommet insertions;
(d) cataract surgery; and
(e) endoscopes,

and at each of the following hospitals:

(i) Royal Perth Hospital;
(ii) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
(iii) Princess Margaret Hospital;
(iv) Fremantle Hospital; and
(v) Joondalup Hospital,

can the Minister table the following:

(A) the number of patients on the waiting lists as at the end of December 2006, March 2007, June 2007, September 2007, December 2007 and February 2008;
(B) the average waiting times (days) as at the above dates;
(C) the current waiting times to be assessed for inclusion on the lists; and
(D) the number of patients currently waiting to be included on the lists?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a)-(e) (i)-(v)  (A) See attached document [tabled paper 3809.]
(B) See attached document [tabled paper 3809.]
(C) See attached document [tabled paper 3809.]
(D) See attached document [tabled paper 3809.]
Dr J.M. Woolard to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the dangerous intersection at the corner of Ardross Street and Canning Highway in Alfred Cove and the fact that the Type ‘A’ Crossing Guard for students of St Benedict’s Primary School has been removed. As parents are reporting that traffic accidents are frequently happening at that intersection, can the Minister please advise:

(a) how many traffic accidents of any kind have occurred at this location during the following years:
   (i) 2006;
   (ii) 2007; and
   (iii) 2008 to date;

(b) the type of accidents and the scope of injuries at each of the accidents that occurred at this location during the following years:
   (i) 2006;
   (ii) 2007; and
   (iii) 2008 to date; and

In light of these accident statistics, will the Minister consider installing traffic lights at the intersection of Ardross Street and Canning Highway in Alfred Cove to improve community safety?

(a) if not, why not?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

(1) (a) (i) Nine crashes were reported in 2006.
   (ii) Seven crashes were reported in 2007.
   (iii) Crash data received from the Police for the year to date is incomplete.

(b) (i) Of the 9 crashes reported, 5 involved right angle collision, 3 involved rear end collision and 1 was a side-swipe. Two of the crashes involved medical attention and the remainder were property damage. No pedestrians were involved in any of the 9 crashes.
   (ii) Of the 7 crashes reported, 4 involved right angle collision, 1 involved rear end collision and 2 were right turn-through movement. Two of the crashes resulted in hospital attention and the remainder were property damage. No pedestrians were involved in any of the 7 crashes.
   (iii) Refer to (a)(iii) above.

(2) (a) Crash data for the 5 year period (January 2003 - December 2007) indicates there were a total of 28 crashes at this intersection, with nearly sixty percent occurring during the last two years. In view of the apparent increase in incidences at this location Main Roads will undertake a formal safety audit of the site to ascertain if any intersection modifications are required.

Ms S.M. McHALE replied:

(a) Yes. 1 FTE, Level 4, Marketing and Design Production Coordinator
(b) Yes. 0.1 FTE, Level 3, Marketing Officer
(c) Yes. 0.12 FTE, Level 4, Business Systems Co-ordinator
(d) The Commission has two staff members supporting and maintaining the agency's internet and
intranet websites. The positions of the staff members involved are:
   Website Coordinator, Level 6; and
   Website Content Coordinator, Level 6

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES — STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING WEBSITES

3277. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the following agencies responsible for working
on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades:
(a) Office of the Auditor General;
(b) State Supply Commission;
(c) Western Australian Treasury Corporation;
(d) Department of Industry and Resources;
(e) Economic Regulation Authority; and
(f) The Office of Native Title?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:
(a) Office of the Auditor General
Less than 10 per cent of the duties of one staff member are involved in maintaining the Office's
website. The staff member is classed at a Level 3.4 and the salary is $52,560 per annum.
(b) State Supply Commission
Not applicable
(c) Western Australian Treasury Corporation
No staff are employed for the specific purpose of maintaining websites. As part of her duties the
Information Manager ensures that the Western Australian Treasury Corporation website is maintained
on a regular basis. This position has an annual salary of $53,743.
(d) Department of Industry and Resources
The Department of Industry and Resources has the following staff employed to work on or maintain
websites:
   Level 6 x 1
   Level 4 x 1
(e) The Economic Regulation Authority employs an Electronic Information Co-ordinator. The
position is graded Level 5 with a salary range of $60,638-$67,017.
(f) Office of Native Title
The Office of Native Title internet website is maintained, as required, by one staff member as part of
their duties. Their pay grade is at level 5.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM — TEACHING OF COMPUTER SKILLS

3279. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Education and Training
In regard to the teaching of computer skills in our state public school system, can the Minister advise:
(a) how many teachers with specific Information Technology qualifications are currently teaching
   in our state public school system;
(b) how many of those identified in (a) are teaching subjects other than computer and ICT related
   subjects;
(c) please provide a list of those subjects covered in your answer to (b); and
(d) how many teachers are currently teaching computer and ICT related subjects in state schools
   without any formal Information Technology qualifications?
Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(a) Currently there are 139 teachers teaching computing related subjects at Department of Education and Training schools in WA.

(b-c-d) Deployment of staff to subject related areas is undertaken at the school level and varies according to student learning needs. This information is not held centrally.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES — STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING WEBSITES

3280. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information

Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the following agencies responsible for working on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades:

(a) the Department of Indigenous;
(b) the Heritage Council of Western Australia;
(c) the National Trust of Australia (WA);
(d) Landgate; and
(e) the Minister’s Ministerial Office?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

(a) The Department of Indigenous Affairs advises they employ 2 FTEs, a Level 6 Marketing Coordinator and a Level 5 Coordinator Web Services, whose duties include working on or maintaining websites.

(b) The Heritage Council of Australia advises they employ 1 FTE, a Level 6 IT Manager, whose duties include working on or maintaining websites.

(c) The National Trust of Australia (WA) advises that maintenance and updates of websites are carried out by volunteers under the general supervision of the Level 6 Manager of the Heritage Department.

(d) Landgate advises they employ 1.2 Level 4 FTEs whose duties include working on or maintaining websites.

(e) There are no staff within my Ministerial Office responsible for working on or maintaining websites.

DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION OFFICE, BUNBURY

3286. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Disability Services

(1) How many full-time equivalent staff are currently employed by the Disability Services Commission office in Bunbury?

(2) What is the nature of the above positions?

(3) How many clients does the Disability Services Commission office in Bunbury currently serve?

(4) How many full-time equivalent staff were employed by the Disability Services Commission office in Bunbury in:

(a) 1998;
(b) 2000;
(c) 2002;
(d) 2006; and
(e) 2007?

(5) How many clients did the Disability Services Commission Bunbury office serve in:

(a) 1998;
(b) 2000;
(c) 2002;
(d) 2006; and
(e) 2007?
What was the annual operating budget of the Disability Services Commission Bunbury office in:
(a) 1998-1999;
(b) 2000-2001;
(c) 2002-2003; and
(d) 2006-2007?

What is the annual operating budget of the Disability Services Commission Bunbury office for this financial year (2007-2008)?

Ms S.M. McHALE replied:
(1) 6.5 FTE staff.
(2) Regional Manager 1.0 FTE.
   Administration Assistant 1.0 FTE.
   Local Area Co-ordinators (LACs) 4.5 FTE.
(3) 302 registered clients. Many other people who are not registered also receive services.
(4) (a) The office was not established until late 2001
    (b) See above.
    (c) 4.4 FTE staff in 2002.
    (d) 4.5 FTE staff in 2006.
    (e) 5.7 FTE staff in 2007.
(5) (a) The office was not established until late 2001.
    (b) See above.
    (c) There were 289 registered clients served by the Bunbury office in 2002.
    (d) There were 301 registered clients served by the Bunbury office in 2006.
    (e) There were 299 registered clients served by the Bunbury office in 2007.
(6) (a) The office was not established until late 2001.
    (b) See above.
    (c) $662 000.
    (d) $875 061.
(7) $889 826 (to date)

FAST RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN PERTH AND BUNBURY — FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
(1) How many full-time equivalent employees have been assigned to develop the feasibility study into a fast rail services between Perth and Bunbury?
(2) In which departments/organisations/companies do these employees work?
(3) In what town/city are the above employees based?
(4) How much funding has been allocated to develop the feasibility study into a fast rail service between Perth and Bunbury?
(5) How many proposed alignments will be investigated?
(6) What are those proposed alignments of a fast rail service between Bunbury and Perth?
(7) What is the deadline for completion of the feasibility study into a fast rail service between Bunbury and Perth?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:
(1) Two.
(2) The Public Transport Authority.
(3) Perth.
The funding for the feasibility study will be provided from within the Public Transport Authority operating budget for 2008/09. It is estimated that the cost of the study is $300,000.

Only one alignment is being considered and that is utilising the Mandurah line from Perth as far as Ankatell, then proceeding down the median of the Kwinana Freeway to the Perth-Bunbury Highway to Lake Preston, there along the reservation of the Old Coast Road from Lake Preston to Australind along the Australind Bypass to just south of the Sanctuary Golf Course, and then utilising existing rail corridors as much as possible to Koombana Bay.

Refer to (5) above.

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BUNBURY PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

3292. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

(1) How many full-time equivalent employees are currently employed at Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?

(2) How many full-time equivalent medical specialists or allied health professionals are currently employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?

(3) Please list the type of medical specialists or allied health professionals currently employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?

(4) Please list the basis of employment for each of the medical specialists/allied health professionals (e.g. full-time, part-time) at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?

(5) How many clients does the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road currently serve?

(6) How many of those clients are children?

(7) How many full-time equivalent employees were employed at Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road in:

(a) 1998;
(b) 2000;
(c) 2003;
(d) 2006; and
(e) 2007?

(8) How many full-time equivalent medical specialists and allied health professionals are currently employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road:

(a) 1998;
(b) 2000;
(c) 2003;
(d) 2006; and
(e) 2007?

(9) How many clients did the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road serve in:

(a) 1998;
(b) 2000;
(c) 2003;
(d) 2006; and
(e) 2007?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(1) 39.8 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) as at 31 March 2008.

(2)-(3) There are 18.3 FTE Allied health professionals employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community centre including Dieticians, Podiatrists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Social
Workers, Speech Pathologists, Allied Health Assistants and Audiologists. There are no medical specialists.

(4) The basis of employment for each of the allied health professionals (e.g. full-time, part-time) at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre is:

Dieticians: 2 x full-time  
2 x part-time

Podiatrists: 3 x part-time

Occupational Therapists: 1 x full-time  
5 x part-time

Physiotherapists: 2 x full-time  
2 x part-time

Social Workers: 1 x full-time  
1 x part-time

Speech Pathologists: 2 x full-time  
3 x part-time

Allied Health Assistants: 2 x full-time  
1 x part-time

Audiologists: 2 x part-time

(5)-(6) The Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre data collection is based on "Occasions of Service" rather than numbers of clients. For the month of March 2008 there were 2,679 Occasions of Service. 1,979 of the 2,679 occasions of service were provided to children (ages 0-15 years).

(7) The number of full-time equivalent employees employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre is collected in financial rather than calendar years:

(a) Data not available*
(b) 2005/06 36.57 FTE
(c) 2006/07 39.43 FTE

* Prior to 2004 the electronic rosters for allied health employees did not disaggregate data to site level, hence the data is unavailable.

(8) (a-c) Data not available*
(d) 2005/06 16.34 FTE
(e) 2006/07 17.6 FTE

* Prior to 2004, the electronic rosters for allied health employees did not disaggregate data to site level, hence the data is unavailable.

(9) The Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre data collection is based on "Occasions of Service" rather than numbers of clients.

(d) Data not available*
(e) 2003: 21,803
(f) 2006: 35,288
(g) 2007: 32,997

* Prior to 2004, "Occasions of Service" across all disciplines were not integrated into a single data management system, hence the data is unavailable.

EDUCATION — BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT CENTRES FOR DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS

Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to your government’s plan for disruptive students, of moving them into new education centres, and I ask:

(a) Where will these centres be located;
(b) How many additional teaching staff will be needed for these centres and will they be taken from existing classrooms;
(c) What is the expected cost of running these centres; and
(d) Will there be an overlap of services used in the current trial on the three behaviour management centres?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(a) Three secondary behaviour centres are being piloted in the Canning, Fremantle-Peel and Goldfield education districts.
(b) 8.8 FTE additional teaching staff have been appointed. They have not been taken from existing programs.
(c) The annual budget for the Secondary Behaviour Centres is $1.6m.
(d) No.

CURTIN AVENUE, COTTESLOE

3296. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In relation to the hazardous condition of Curtin Avenue in Cottesloe will the Minister advise:

(a) what options are being considered to modify Curtin Avenue;
(b) when work is expected to begin on modifying Curtin Avenue; and
(c) when work on modifying Curtin Avenue is expected to be completed?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

(a) Earlier this year Main Roads WA and the Department for Planning and Infrastructure presented four intersection options for Curtin Avenue, in the vicinity of Jarrad Street, to the Town of Cottesloe. These consisted of:
   Option 1: Open trench
   Option 2: Sub-way
   Option 3: One-way split pair
   Option 4: One-way split pair with railway in an open trench
(b)-(c) Discussions with Council over the four options are still proceeding but construction of a new regional road (Curtin Avenue) is not included in Main Roads’ current capital works program and would be subject to further development of such a proposal and inclusion of funding in a future Budget.

AREA HEALTH SERVICES — BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE

3298. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health

(1) What was the budget for each of the Area Health Services? (please specify amount for each Area Health Service)

(2) As at the date of answering this question, what is the current budget expenditure figure for each of the Area Health Services? (please specify amount for each Area Health Service)

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

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These budget figures do not yet reflect recent EBA decisions affecting nurses, medical and hospital workers and other funding including some Mental Health Strategy and Innovation funds.
Area Health Service 2007-08 Actual Expenditure
Year-To-Date (based on 31 January 2008 information)

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RSPCA — GOVERNMENT FUNDING

3299. Mr G. Snook to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government

I understand that the Terms of Agreement for the grant of $250,000 per annum to the RSPCA were set down in a reply to Question on Notice No. 1631 asked by Mr S.R. Hill on 21 November 2006. I therefore ask the Minister:

(a) is an annual audit performed to ensure adherence to the condition as set down in the grant;
(b) is an evaluation report on the outcomes, achievements and effectiveness of the project supplied in each year;
(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) is no, would the Minister advise how adherence to the conditions is monitored;
(d) if the conditions are not being adhered to, what action has been taken and will continue to be taken by the Minister to ensure conditions are adhered to in future;
(e) is it true that the auditors have been critical of the RSPCA adherence to grant conditions in using this money;
(f) in each financial year has the grant money been fully expended for the purposes outlined in the grant conditions?
(g) if the answer to (e) is no, can the Minister please advise unspent amounts each year since the grant was approved;
(h) if there has been unspent money in any year, has this money been returned to the Department as per the conditions of the grant; and
(i) if the answer to (g) is no:
   (i) why not; and
   (ii) what action will be taken to recover these funds in order to comply with the conditions of the grant?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Not applicable.
(d) The Department is satisfied that the conditions of the grant are being adhered to.
(e) The Department has had no communication to this effect from the auditors.
(f) Yes.
(g) Nil.
(h) Not applicable.
(i) (i)-(ii) Not applicable.

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — MICHAEL GEOFFREY BLUNSDEN

3302. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Attorney General

(1) What is the current imprisonment status of Michael Geoffrey Blunsden?
(2) When is Michael Geoffrey Blunsden being considered for parole?
How many times has Michael Geoffrey Blunsden been considered for parole?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

1. Mr Blunsden is serving an indefinite sentence at the Governor's Pleasure.
2. Mr Blunsden's situation will next be reviewed on 17 June 2008.
3. Mr Blunsden has been considered for parole on four occasions.

BETFAIR — GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION TO INTRODUCTION INTO WA

Will the Premier explain the valid legal reasons in opposing the introduction of Betfair within the State of Western Australia given the Government must have been made reasonably aware that such an action was in direct contravention of Section 92 of the Commonwealth Constitution, specifically that it:

(a) unfairly, inequitably and unjustly restrain 'Free Trade' between the States of the Commonwealth of Australia;
(b) imposes unconstitutional and therefore illegal protectionist principles; and
(c) illegally impinges on the inalienable rights of the public of Western Australia to access interstate goods and services?

Will the Premier advise what will be the actual total cost incurred regarding:

(a) legal costs incurred by the State, including damages awarded to the plaintiff;
(b) any other related costs including, but not limited to, those involved in rewriting, resubmitting and passing through both Houses of Parliament the Racing and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2006?

Will the bare the Department of Treasury and Finance or the Western Australian racing industry, in-part or as a whole bear the financial brunt of this issue?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

1. The challenge by Betfair Pty Ltd was to the validity of sections 24(1aa) and 27D of the Betting Control Act 1954. These provisions were inserted by the Betting and Racing Legislation Amendment Act 2006, with the Second Reading Speech setting out the objective of the amendments.

In defending the High Court challenge by Betfair Pty Ltd to the validity of the legislation enacted by the Parliament, the State sought to defend the integrity and viability of the local racing industry and relied on legal advice that supported the State's position. The grounds on which the State defended the action were set out in its written submissions filed in the High Court.

2. No damages were awarded to the Plaintiff. While the Plaintiff's legal costs will be met by the State, no claim has yet been lodged and as such the amount is not yet known. The State's legal defence was conducted by employed legal officers with no use of external legal consultants. As such, the principal outgoings will be the Plaintiff's legal costs.

The costs of passing legislation are not separately accounted for.

3. The costs of the litigation will be met out of the Consolidated Fund.

POTATO SPINDLE TUBER VIROID

With reference to Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid:

(a) is the Minister aware of an outbreak of Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid in the Carnarvon horticultural district;
(b) how many plantations in the Carnarvon district were sampled for the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid;
(c) if not all plantations were sampled for the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid, what selection criteria were used;
(d) why were Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid test samples taken on 26 September 2007 not returned to the Department of Agriculture and Food's Carnarvon Regional Office until 2 November 2007;
(e) why were owners of infected properties not advised by the Department of Agriculture and Food's Carnarvon Regional Office until 28 November 2007;

(f) Is the response time between sampling for Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid and notifying growers of infected properties acceptable?

(g) is the cause of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid entering the Carnarvon district known, and if so, what is the cause;

(h) what action is being taken by the Department of Agriculture and Food's Carnarvon Regional Office to quarantine and contain the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid;

(i) have there been any breaches of any Act or Regulation regarding the outbreak of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid;

(j) if the answer to (i) is yes, what action has been or will be taken; and

(k) what action is being taken to prevent further outbreak of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid in Western Australia?

Mr M.P. WHITELY replied:

(a) Yes

(b) Seventy plantations were sampled for Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid in the Carnarvon district. The samples included commercial crops, weeds and native plant species.

(c) Original suspect tomato plant sample was submitted by a grower. The primary selection criterion was trace-back of the potentially infested seed lot to nine other plantations, and other plantations growing potential hosts in the proximity.

Also see response to question (g)

(d) The samples were sent to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Victoria for testing and confirmation of viroid identity and molecular sequencing of the viroid. The testing time was in the control of DPI, Victoria.

(e) Owners or occupiers were advised by a letter on 28 November 2007. However, property assessment visits were made by a plant pathologist earlier.

(f) Not preferable but sometimes unavoidable due to the time testing and confirmation takes.

(g) The cause of Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid entering the Carnarvon district is not known. Based on available scientific information, it is suspected that the viroid may have been introduced via importation of potentially infested imported tomato seed.

(h) Actions taken by the Department of Agriculture and Food in response to the detection of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid include:

- Extensive surveys of Carnarvon horticultural area for the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid, and collection and testing of over 1600 samples for the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid.

- Quarantine action on properties infested with Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid.

- Restrictions imposed on movement of farm machinery from the five properties under quarantine.

- Restrictions imposed on cultivation of host plant species on the properties under quarantine.

- Provision for technical assistance to property owners/occupiers to ensure proper destruction of the crop residues and disinfestation of the farm machinery, and suitable cropping options to control the infestation.

- Preparation and distribution of information (including in the Vietnamese language) on symptoms and management of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid, pest alerts and biosecurity guidelines for implementation of farm biosecurity measures.

- Industry consultation (via VegetablesWA) regarding actions to limit and eradicate the infestation in Carnarvon.

- Action against any non-compliance of the quarantine imposed on infested properties.
National consultation via the national Plant Health Committee regarding the eradication action being undertaken in Western Australia.

Consultation with Biosecurity Australia to undertake risk analysis for introduction of Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid via tomato seed pathway into Australia.

(i) No. There is no alleged breach of any Act or Regulation that may have resulted in the outbreak of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid

(j) Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has been contacted and measures are being considered to restrict tomato seed import from overseas to prevent the introduction of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid pathway via the tomato seed pathway. Growers are being further encouraged to implement farm biosecurity measures to minimise the introduction of the Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid and similar other pests.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT — BUILDINGS LEASED AND OCCUPIED

3305. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Could you provide the following information regarding the buildings leased and occupied by the Health Department in Western Australia:

(a) excluding public hospitals and clinics, how many buildings in the Perth metropolitan area are occupied by the Department’s administrative staff;
(b) what are the addresses of these buildings;
(c) what is the floor space of each building;
(d) which departments/sections within the Health Department occupy each building;
(e) how many staff are located in each building;
(f) how many staff are employed (FTEs) in each department/section in each building;
(g) what is the yearly lease for each building; and
(h) how long is each lease for?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) to (h) See attached document [tabled paper 3810.]

HEALTH DEPARTMENT — BUILDINGS OWNED

3306. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Could you provide the following information regarding the buildings owned and occupied by the Health Department in Western Australia:

(a) excluding public hospitals and clinics, how many buildings in the Perth metropolitan area are occupied by the Department’s administrative staff;
(b) what are the addresses of these buildings;
(c) what is the floor space of each building;
(d) what is the real estate value of each building;
(e) which departments/sections within the Health Department occupy each building; and
(f) how many staff are located in each building?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) to (f) See attached document [tabled paper 3811.]

ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITING LIST

3307. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Elective Surgery Wait List Report for February 2008 in which (on page 3) it is noted that the total number of admissions for February was 4,799 and (on page 9) that the number of Ambulatory Surgery Initiative (ASI) cases undertaken was 958. I also refer to the Minister’s answer to Question on Notice No. 3140, dated 11 March 2008, in which the Minister advised that the surgery waiting list in 2007 had been significantly reduced, largely by a dramatic rise in Ambulatory Surgery Initiative (ASI) procedures, and I ask:

(a) can the Minister advise if the number of ‘admissions’ in the monthly report include ASI figures?
Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(a) ASI figures are not included in the number of 'admissions'.

INFILL SEWERAGE PROGRAM — COLLIE

3309. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Water Resources

I refer to Question on Notice No. 3110 on infill sewerage, asked on 27 February 2008, and I ask:

(a) did the Minister, the Water Corporation, or the Minister’s Department brief the Member for Collie-Wellington on the question or the issue;
(b) if yes to (a), when did this occur; and
(c) if yes to (a), did this briefing occur as a result of the Question on Notice, or for the benefit of the Member for Collie-Wellington?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(a)-(c) The Member for Collie verbally requested of the Minister an update on sewerage for Collie and was provided with information prepared for Question on Notice Number 3110.

SCHOOLS — SMOKE AND FIRE ALARMS

3310. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) How often are smoke and fire alarms in Government schools checked and tested, and who carries out this work?
(2) How often are smoke alarms in Government schools cleaned, and who carries out this work?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1)-(2) The Department of Education and Training monitors 3459 electronic alarm systems throughout the State. A large proportion of these systems include smoke detectors. Smoke detectors in schools are normally checked, cleaned, serviced and tested in areas where there is a high level of ingressive dust or pollutants. Faults are identified through the monitoring process. Cleaning is also carried out if the detectors have been affected by smoke or by steam.

The checking, cleaning, testing and servicing of smoke alarms is conducted by licensed and qualified electronic alarm technicians.

TEACHERS AT REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS — FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE TRAINING

3311. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) Is it compulsory for teachers working at the Government’s remote community schools (RCSs) to complete four-wheel drive vehicle training prior to taking up their placement?
(2) If yes to (1), how often are courses held?
(3) If yes to (1), are ‘refresher’ courses also offered, and if so:
(a) are all RCS teachers required to complete them; and
(b) how often are teachers required to complete them?
(4) If no to (1), can the Minister list the number of teachers at each of the 43 RCSs, who have access to Government-owned vehicles and who have undertaken four-wheel drive vehicle training?
(5) Who conducts the four-wheel drive vehicle training courses?
(6) Where is the training held?
(7) What specific activities are carried out during the training course?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1) In accordance with the Department of Education and Training's 'Motor Vehicle Management - Remote Teaching Service Schools' Policy, teachers who are appointed to remote teaching service schools and hold a current drivers' licence are required to undertake an accredited two day course in four wheel drive vehicle training before taking up their appointments.

(2) Four wheel drive vehicle training courses are available throughout the year and are held several times per week, depending on demand. Courses are held primarily during the Christmas school holidays when the majority of appointments to the remote teaching service are made. From November through to the end of January is the time of highest demand.
Refresher four wheel drive vehicle training courses are available on request.

(a) No. Refresher courses are available on request.
(b) There is no requirement for teachers to complete refresher courses.

N/A

Four wheel drive training courses are included in the government's Common Use Arrangement (CUA) 40304 which is mandatory in the Perth metropolitan area.

The training organisations listed on the CUA include:

- Drive Safe AustraliaWA;
- Driver Training and Education Centre;
- EurekaFour Wheel Driver Training;
- Shawsett Training; and
- Transport Training Centre (SA) Incorporated.

Training is to the nationally accredited standard TDTC2501A. Certificates are issued on successful completion of the course.

The majority of the training is completed in the Perth metropolitan area but training is also held in regional or remote centres depending on the need.

Specific activities carried out during the training course include:

- Operation of four wheel drive vehicle
- Range and gear selection
- Axle and transmission wind up
- Steering, braking and accelerating
- Passenger security and comfort
- Wheel placement
- Braking techniques - threshold and pulse
- Emergency stall procedures
- Negotiating challenging terrain
- Correct seating posture
- Vehicle dynamics
- Safe wheel changing
- Safety and tyres
- Recovery equipment
- Approach, ramp over, depart angles
- Ascents and descents
- Steering techniques - throttle control
- Recovery techniques
- Skid causation and control

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES—FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES WRITTEN OFF

In relation to the 40 passenger four-wheel drive vehicles in the Government fleet that were written off during the period from 15 March 2006 to 15 February 2008, to which Government department were they allocated?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

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Landcorp (Land Authority) 1
Main Roads Western Australia 2
Department for Planning and Infrastructure 1
Western Australia Police Service 4
Public Transport Authority 1
Water Corporation 3
Total 40

TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY/ABERNETHY ROAD/BEENYUP ROAD

3315. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to the planned traffic lights for the intersection of the South Western Highway / Abernethy Road / Beenyup Road, and ask:

(a) is it true that three different dates have previously been set for the completion of these lights and that all three dates have passed; and
   (i) if no to (a), what was the original date for completion;
   (ii) if yes to (a), what are the reasons for the delay; and
(b) by what date will these traffic lights be completed and what is the Minister’s department waiting on until they complete these works?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

(a) (i)-(ii) As the Member has previously been advised by Main Roads, delays to the project have occurred as a result of difficulties in scheduling various service relocations. This matter is not within Main Roads control and the works cannot be completed until Western Power and the Water Authority’s services are relocated.

(b) A definitive completion date cannot be established until the service relocations have been completed. However, Main Roads will ensure the roadworks and traffic signal installation are carried out expeditiously following completion of the service relocations by others.

ROADS— EXTENSION OF TONKIN HIGHWAY AND COMPLETION OF PERTH TO BUNBURY HIGHWAY

3316. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister’s recent statements concerning the extension of the Tonkin Highway and the completion of the Perth to Bunbury Highway and ask:

(a) does the Minister stand by his previous statement that the residents of Byford will have to wait for the Tonkin Highway extension to reduce the traffic through Byford before major modifications can be carried out on the South Western Highway, such as lane and speed limit reductions; and

(b) if, as the Minister recently claimed, the Perth to Bunbury Highway is going to make a big difference to the traffic flow through Byford, will the South Western Highway modifications begin when the Perth to Bunbury Highway is completed?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

(a) The precursor to major modifications on South Western Highway through Byford, such as lane reductions and a lower speed limit, will be reducing through traffic volumes in the townsite. This could be achieved through a number of options such as extending Tonkin
Highway, upgrading Orton Road or a shift in traffic to the New Perth Bunbury Highway scheduled for completion in late 2009.

In the meantime, safety improvements such as the installation of traffic signals on the Highway at Abernethy Road and Beenup Road will be carried out following the relocation of services.

(b) Main Roads will be closely monitoring traffic movements across the network following the opening of the New Perth Bunbury Highway.

ROADS — UPGRADE OF ORTON ROAD, BYFORD

3317. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister’s statement on the upgrading of Orton Road made in the *Comment News* in March, and ask:

(a) how is upgrading Orton Road expected to improve Byford’s traffic problems; and

(b) can the Minister explain how $55 million spent on upgrading this road as a temporary solution is of greater value for money than extending the Tonkin Highway, which can allow traffic to entirely bypass Byford?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

(a) The upgrading of Orton Road being proposed as an interim solution until Tonkin Highway is extended further south to Mundijong Road, will remove regional traffic, including heavy vehicles, from travelling through the Byford townsite.

(b) This interim proposal achieves greater value because the extension of Tonkin Highway further south would involve construction of an additional fourteen (14) kilometres of new road at significant cost.

KALAMUNDA POLICE STATION

3319. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

With reference to Kalamunda Police Station:

(a) is any consideration being given to closure or amalgamation with another station;

(b) if yes to (a), why and what are the details;

(c) if no to (a), will the Minister guarantee that the station will remain open for at least the next five years; and

(d) when will a new police station in Kalamunda be constructed?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

(a) No

(b) Not Applicable

(c)-(d) A redevelopment proposal for the Kalamunda Police Station is a mid-level priority for WA Police.

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police services state-wide and allocates resources accordingly. WA Police undertake continual monitoring to determine the ongoing demand for policing services in each Police district and to ensure responsive policing service is provided to the areas of greatest need. Individual police stations are also subject to workload reviews on a regular basis to ensure available resources have been appropriately allocated.

LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT TRADE

3321. Mr M.J. Birney to the Attorney General

I refer to the recent case heard by Magistrate Catherine Crawford involving allegations of animal cruelty by Emanuel Export Pty Ltd, and I ask:

(a) what were the allegations made about Emanuel Export Pty Ltd;

(b) what was the finding made by Magistrate Crawford;

(c) is it true that the magistrate found the defendants guilty but imposed no penalty; and

(i) if so, why not;
was there a technical issue regarding this case that involves some kind of conflict between State and Commonwealth law and, if so, what was that conflict;

did the Solicitor General or any other State Government officer recommend an appeal be lodged against this decision;

if so, who made those recommendations and why;

was an appeal lodged;

was the appeal subsequently heard or withdrawn and, if so, why and on whose instructions;

did the Minister for Local Government give any instructions regarding the appeal and, if so, under which section of which Act was this done;

did the Minister for Local Government make any recommendation to withdraw the appeal and, if so, what were the reasons for this recommendation;

if the answer to (i) or (j) is yes, did the Director General for the Department of Local Government agree with any instruction given or recommendation made by the Minister for Local Government with respect to this appeal and, if not, why not; and

what further action will the Government now take regarding this matter?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

The Department of Local Government and Regional Development prosecuted Emanuel Exports Pty Ltd and others over a breach of the Animal Welfare Act in November 2003.

Questions should be referred to the relevant Minister.

EDUCATION — NUMBER OF INDIGENOUS TEACHERS

3323. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

(1) How many Aboriginal teachers were permanently employed by the Department of Education and Training at the start of the 2008 school year?

(2) Of those highlighted in (1):

   (a) how many taught in primary schools; and
   (b) how many taught in secondary schools?

(3) Of those highlighted in (1):

   (a) how many taught in regional schools; and
   (b) at what schools were they based?

(4) How many students have commenced the Department’s conversion course for Aboriginal and Islander education officers, in partnership with Curtin University?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

(1) As at 21/2/2008 the Dept of Education and Training employed 158 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers (ie a teacher as defined under the Education Act).

(2) Of the teachers referred to in (1) there were

   (a) 128 in Primary Schools; and
   (b) 23 in Secondary Schools

(3) Of the teachers referred to in (1) there were

   (a) 114 in regional schools
   (b) Refer to tabled paper [See paper 3812.]

(4) In 2008 there were 61 students who commenced the Department's conversion course with Curtin University.