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4636. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Housing Authority intends to sell around \$2 billion worth of land and housing inventory in 2015/16 and over the forward estimates?
- (2) How many additional social housing dwellings will be delivered as a result of these sales and will this result in a net increase in the quantum of housing stock in the public housing system?
- (3) How many homes are estimated will be developed on these sites that will be sold on the open market and through Keystart?
- (4) How much of the Housing Authorities' total asset holdings will this land and housing inventory sell off constitute?
- (5) What is the estimated value of the Housing Authorities' remaining land and housing inventory after this round of sales is complete?

4637. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the \$560 million Social Housing Investment Package announced in the 2015-16 State Budget and ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that this is not a capital spend on the part of Government but, rather, the majority of this funding relates to the value of the land (including the Department of Housing (DOH) land holdings which currently contains existing public housing) and will be realised by the strategic sale and redevelopment of that land;
- (b) in relation to the estimated delivery of 1500 social homes:
 - (i) what is the definition of the term 'social home';
 - (ii) of these 1500, how many of the new dwellings will be added directly to the existing stock of public housing dwellings;
 - (iii) how many 'social homes' will be leased from the private market;

- (iv) how many, if any, of the new properties will be transferred either as part of a management agreement or with title to community housing providers based in the State; and
- (v) in the context of the entire package, how many properties does the Minister envisage will be sold as 'general housing' on the open market and what percentage of the total complement of homes built will this constitute; and
- (c) can the Minister confirm that there are no plans in place to invest further in individual community housing providers either by transferring public housing stock to those providers or otherwise. If such plans do exist, can the minister provide detail as to what they consist of?

4638. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

Since 1991, what is the number and what is the cumulative total amount of Lotterywest grants made to each of the following local government authorities:

- (a) City of Canning;
- (b) City of Gosnells;
- (c) Town of Victoria Park;
- (d) City of Mandurah;
- (e) City of Rockingham;
- (f) City of Armadale;
- (g) City of Kwinana;
- (h) City of Cockburn;
- (i) City of Stirling;
- (j) City of Perth;
- (k) City of Belmont;
- (l) City of Melville;
- (m) City of Fremantle;
- (n) Shire of Peppermint Grove;
- (o) Town of Mosman Park;
- (p) Town of Cambridge;
- (q) City of Nedlands;
- (r) City of Joondalup; and
- (s) City of Wanneroo?

4639. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Women's Interests:

I refer to findings in the recent Anglicare '*State of the Family*' Report that an increasing number of women over sixty are joining the ranks of the homeless and ask what government strategies have been formulated to arrest this disturbing trend?

4640. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to findings in the recent Anglicare '*State of the Family*' Report that an increasing number of women over sixty are joining the ranks of the homeless and ask what government strategies have been formulated to arrest this disturbing trend?

4641. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Health:

- (1) What is the current waiting list at Warwick dental clinic?
- (2) What is the average waiting time to receive treatment at that clinic?

4642. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the number of phone reports received by police concerning alleged offences under section 60 of the *Road Traffic Act 1974* for the financial year 2014–2015 for each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Marangaroo;
 - (b) Warwick;
 - (c) Girrawheen;
 - (d) Darch;
 - (e) Madeley; and
 - (f) Landsdale?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise the number of phone reports received by police concerning alleged offences under section 61 of the *Road Traffic Act 1974* for the financial year 2014–2015 for each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Marangaroo;
 - (b) Warwick;
 - (c) Girrawheen;
 - (d) Darch;
 - (e) Madeley; and
 - (f) Landsdale?
- (3) Can the Minister please advise the number of phone reports received by police concerning alleged offences under section 62 of the *Road Traffic Act 1974* for the financial year 2014–2015 for each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Marangaroo;
 - (b) Warwick;
 - (c) Girrawheen;
 - (d) Darch;
 - (e) Madeley; and
 - (f) Landsdale?
- (4) Can the Minister please advise the number of phone reports received by police concerning alleged offences under section 62A of the *Road Traffic Act 1974* for the financial year 2014–2015 for each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Marangaroo;
 - (b) Warwick;
 - (c) Girrawheen;
 - (d) Darch;
 - (e) Madeley; and
 - (f) Landsdale?
- (5) In relation to the reports referred to in (1)-(4) can you advise the number of cases where callers were instead asked to submit information to police online?
- (6) In relation to reports (1-4) can you advise in how many cases police actually attended the scene of the alleged offence or spoke to the complainant?

4643. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many Transperth Transit Officers were on:
 - (a) each train travelling from Armadale Station to Perth Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015.;
 - (b) each train travelling from Perth Station to Armadale Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (c) each train travelling from Thornlie Station to Perth Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015.;
 - (d) each train travelling from Perth Station to Thornlie Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (e) each train travelling from Midland Station to Perth Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (f) each train travelling from Perth Station to Midland Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (g) each train travelling from Fremantle Station to Perth Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (h) each train travelling from Perth Station to Fremantle Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (i) each train travelling from Mandurah Station to Esplanade Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (j) each train travelling from Esplanade Station to Mandurah Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015;
 - (k) each train travelling from Butler Station to Esplanade Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015; and
 - (l) each train travelling from Esplanade Station to Butler Station from 6.00pm to the last departing train on each day from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015?
- (2) For any of the above, were there incidences where no Transit Officers were present on the train at any time during the journey?

4644. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

I refer to the changes from 1 January 2016, whereby a person conducting training and assessment are required to have either a TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or its successor or a diploma level or higher level qualification in adult education and I ask:

- (a) how many current teachers/instructors teaching in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) program in WA's public schools, do not have the above stated qualifications; and
- (b) what quantum of funds, if any, have been allocated to assist current VET teachers obtain either the above qualifications?

4645. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) What additional training, capital expenditure and personnel would be required to base a Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) unit capable of being deployed overseas in Western Australia?
- (2) What is the approximate cost of the same and what percentage contribution does the federal government make to those units stationed in NSW and Queensland?

4646. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering:

- (1) Can the Minister advise as of 1 January 2015 how many WA seniors held seniors cards?
- (2) Can the Minister advise how many seniors have responded to your request to re-register for a seniors card in order to avail themselves of synergy concessions?
- (3) What is the backlog for re-registering these card holders?
- (4) Have additional staff been employed to process these applications and, if so, how many and for what time frame?
- (5) What are the number of seniors currently registered?
- (6) Is there any mechanism by which to make concessions retrospective?

4647. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering:

- (1) Can the Minister advise the date upon which the elder abuse hotline became operational?
- (2) Can the Minister further advise how many calls has the hotline received since that time?
- (3) Are statistics kept of the nature or category of the inquiry made to the hotline and if yes, please list those categories and the numbers of each since commencement of the service?
- (4) Are statistics kept of the nature of assistance/ response given for each inquiry to the hotline? If yes, please list in each category the response given since the service commenced?

4648. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Question on Notice 1570 concerning asbestos contamination on the beaches adjacent to the former Apex camp and I ask:

- (a) since the question and answer received, what monitoring has occurred for further asbestos contamination and other debris;
- (b) what clean-up efforts have been made, and on what dates; and
- (c) has the Department of Parks and Wildlife or the Minister considered placing signage on the beach itself rather than just the road access to warn the public of the potential hazards?

4649. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) In respect of comments made in the Forest Products Commission (FPC) 2014-15 Annual Report that in the event of an asset sale its program to “rebuild the softwood estate” will “need to be adjusted accordingly”:
 - (a) for each of the three aspects of the program - implementing a plan to access more land for pines; working with the Department of Water to replant pines in the Wellington Catchment area; and increasing productivity of the current estate - what planning has been undertaken to facilitate a smooth transition for the program under private ownership and when will the transition planning be finalised;
 - (b) which of the same three aspects have been paused or cancelled as part of the asset sale decision; and
 - (c) what mechanisms will the State Government put in place to ensure a private buyer is bound to farm softwood plantation areas in such a way that they are sustainable, rather than for the life of set limited years or decades-long business investment, but perpetually for generations to come?
- (2) On both current producing plantations and greenfields plantations which are confirmed to be going ahead, at what point in time, under current projections, is the demand for plantation timber expected to outstrip supply?

- (3) Are plans announced in the FPC's 2014-15 Annual Report to replant 500 hectares of pine forest on the Gnangara Mound in July 2016 to build foraging habitats for Carnaby's cockatoos still in place, and if not, why not?

4650. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the Garden Island Highway/Expressway, and ask:

- (a) what is the current status of the project within the Department of Planning;
- (b) what is the current timetable or any milestone dates in relation to Department of Planning processes concerning the Highway/Expressway;
- (c) what is the current estimated cost of the project;
- (d) will the Government delete the Garden Island Highway/Expressway proposal from the Metropolitan Region Scheme; and
- (e) if no to (d), why not?

4651. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) What was the total budget provided for Schools Plus resources in 2014 and how much of that was allocated to schools for Education Assistant time in 2014?
- (2) What is the total budget provided for Schools Plus resources in 2015 and how much of that has been allocated to schools for Education Assistant time in 2015?
- (3) How many students in total were being supported by Schools Plus in 2014?
- (4) How many students in total are being supported by Schools Plus in 2015?
- (5) How many successful applications and how many unsuccessful applications were there for Schools Plus funding in 2014?
- (6) How many successful applications and how many unsuccessful applications were there for Schools Plus funding in 2015?

4652. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to Question on Notice 4492 in relation to the Cottier Apartments in South Hedland, and ask:

- (a) on what date was the most recent book value provided by the Valuer General;
- (b) does the book value cover the entire complex, or only a number of units;
- (c) if the book value only covers a number of units, how many units;
- (d) what is the name of the company managing the private lease tenants; and
- (e) is there any rental criteria for the private lease tenants and, if so, what is that criteria?

4653. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the Kimberley Police district, and I ask:

- (a) can WA Police please advise, for each financial year since 2007-08, what proportion of domestic violence incidents in which they believed alcohol to be a factor occur in areas in which liquor restrictions are:
 - (i) in place; and
 - (ii) not in place;
- (b) do WA Police in the Kimberley collect statistics on alcohol related crimes responded to between 7am and 12 noon in the towns of Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek;
- (c) if yes to (b), could the Minister advise what the nature, volume and proportion of these crimes are in each of the locations; and
- (d) can WA Police comment on the likely source of the alcohol associated with these crimes?

4654. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the Liquor enforcement team of WA police, and the 'sly grog' market in the area of the Kimberley with restrictions, and I ask:

- (a) do WA Police have an estimate of the size of the current 'sly grog' market in the Kimberley;
- (b) if yes to (a):
 - (i) what is it;
 - (ii) how did the police reach that figure; and
 - (iii) can WA police comment as to whether they believe the size is increasing or decreasing and on what basis; and
- (c) can WA Police identify which towns in the Kimberley are the source of packaged alcohol for the 'sly grog' market?

4655. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Police:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what consultation has occurred in Halls Creek with regards to community concerns about alcohol abuse and domestic violence in the area despite the liquor restrictions in place, detailing for each instance:
 - (a) the form of the consultation;
 - (b) the concerns raised;
 - (c) changes that has resulted from the consultation; and
 - (d) the dates on which consultation occurred?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise what consultation has occurred in Fitzroy Crossing with regards to community concerns about alcohol abuse and domestic violence in the area despite the liquor restrictions in place, detailing for each instance:
 - (a) the form of the consultation;
 - (b) the concerns raised;
 - (c) changes that has resulted from the consultation; and
 - (d) the dates on which consultation occurred?
- (3) Can the Minister please advise what mechanisms are in place to review and improve the effectiveness of the liquor restrictions in Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing?

4656. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what consultation has occurred in Halls Creek with regards to community concerns about alcohol abuse and domestic violence in the area despite the liquor restrictions in place, detailing for each instance:
 - (a) the form of the consultation;
 - (b) the concerns raised;
 - (c) changes that have resulted from the consultation; and
 - (d) the dates on which consultation occurred?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise what consultation has occurred in Fitzroy Crossing with regards to community concerns about alcohol abuse and domestic violence in the area despite the liquor restrictions in place, detailing for each instance:
 - (a) the form of the consultation;
 - (b) the concerns raised;
 - (c) changes that have resulted from the consultation; and
 - (d) the dates on which consultation occurred?

- (3) Can the Minister please advise what mechanisms are in place to review and improve the effectiveness of the liquor restrictions in Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing?

4657. Ms J. Farrer to the Premier:

I refer to public sector employees in Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) housing inside liquor restricted areas in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) are there any rules, guidelines, codes of conduct or any other measures for public sector employees in Government housing concerning the procurement, consumption, possession or on-sale of alcohol in liquor restricted areas; and
- (b) has the Public Sector Commission received or are aware of any complaints concerning excessive consumption of alcohol by public sector employees in Government accommodation?

4658. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to Question on Notice 4492 in relation to the South Hedland Cottier Apartments, and ask as at 20 October 2015:

- (a) how many units have been sold;
- (b) of the units not sold, how many are being rented;
- (c) of the units being rented, how many are occupied; and
- (d) what is the current number of applicants on the wait list for public housing in the Town of Port Hedland?

4659. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the contract(s) between the Department of Housing and Perth Management Services for the lease and management of dwellings owned by the State Government, and I ask as at 30 September 2015:

- (a) how many properties owned by the State Government are under management and leasing by Perth Management Services; and
- (b) for each property in (a):
 - (i) what is the street name and suburb of each property;
 - (ii) how long has it been managed by Perth Management Services; and
 - (iii) what is the weekly rent being paid?

4660. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing:

In relation to the State's public housing stock as at 30 September 2015, I ask:

- (a) how many Department of Housing (DOH) properties does the State currently hold (list as a State total and by region);
- (b) how many DOH properties are currently tenanted (list as a State total and by region);
- (c) how many properties currently not tenanted are ready and awaiting new tenants (list as a State total and by region);
- (d) how many properties currently not tenanted are identified for or are awaiting sale (list as a State total and by region);
- (e) how many properties currently not tenanted are either awaiting or undergoing major works or refurbishment (list as a State total and by region);
- (f) what is the average time properties remain vacant while undergoing major works or refurbishment; and
- (g) how many properties currently not tenanted have been demolished and are awaiting a new build (list as a State total and by region)?

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KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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