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- 1571. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer
- 1572. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Health

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- 1608. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Fisheries

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- 1639. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 1659. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water
- 1660. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water

Tuesday, 18 February 2014

- 1661. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 1662. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 1663. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Transport
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- 1665. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Environment
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- 1670. Mr P. Papalia to the Treasurer
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- 1672. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister representing the Minister for Education

- 1673. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Science
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- 1832. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Community Services
- 1833. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister representing the Attorney General
- 1834. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1835. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 1836. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Police
- 1837. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Regional Development

Wednesday, 19 February 2014

- 1838. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 1839. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 1840. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 1841. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1842. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Tourism

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1869. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Transport
1870. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Transport
1871. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Transport
1872. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Housing
1873. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
1874. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
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- 1887. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Tourism
- 1888. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1889. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Lands
- 1890. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Lands
- 1891. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Planning
- 1892. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1893. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

Questions listed for this sitting: -

1894. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Local Government:

In regards to the Local Government Standards Panel, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) since the inception of the Standards Panel under the *Local Government (Official Conduct) Amendment Act 2007* what is the number of complaints have been made to the Standards Panel and how many complainants have made those complaints;
- (b) since its inception, how many times has the Standards Panel:
 - (i) made a finding under Section 5.110 Clause (2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* that the breach alleged in the complaint has occurred; and
 - (ii) dismissed the complaint under Section 5.125 Clause (2) of the *Local Government Act*;
- (c) what are the grounds on which the Standards Panel may dismiss a complaint under Section 5.125 Clause (2);
- (d) what are the grounds that the Standards Panel has dismissed a complaint under Section 5.125 Clause (2) of the *Local Government Act*;
- (e) since its inception, how many times has the Standards Panel made a finding that the breach alleged in the complaint has not been substantiated or proven;
- (f) does the Standards Panel have the power to request a complainant, as opposed to a Complaints Officer, to provide further information to substantiate a complaint and, if so, by what statutory authority;
- (g) does anyone exercise, for and on behalf of the Standards Panel, but without the Standards Panel's express authority, the power to request a complainant, to provide further information to substantiate a complaint, and, if so:
 - (i) who exercises the power; and
 - (ii) by what or whose authority is that power exercised;
- (h) what procedure is required for the exercise of the power to request a complainant to provide further information to substantiate a complaint;
- (i) since the inception of the Standards Panel how many complainants have been sent letters requesting them to provide further information to substantiate their complaints:
 - (i) how many complainants have not responded to these letters within the allotted time; and

- (ii) how many of those complainants who did not respond within the allotted time have been sent second letters requesting them to provide further information to substantiate their complaints;
- (j) since the inception of the Standards Panel, how many complaints have resulted in a finding of breach after the complainant has provided further information to substantiate the complaint in response to a written request to do so;
- (k) since the inception of the Standards Panel, how many complaints have resulted in a finding of no breach, or no proven breach, or unsubstantiated complaint, after the complainant has provided further information to substantiate the complaint in response to a written request to do so; and
- (l) what are the criteria that govern the exercise of the power to seek from a complainant further information to substantiate a complaint, and what is the source of this criteria?

1895. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

In regards to the WA Athletics Stadium's new track, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) why was the previous track replaced two years ahead of its scheduled replacement time;
- (b) how was it determined that the government pay 56 percent of the cost of the new track, and the manufacturer pay 44 percent of the cost as compensation for the quick deterioration of the old track;
- (c) what was the problem with the track that led to its quick deterioration;
- (d) what were the terms and conditions, if any, imposed on the manufacturer of the old track in the way of any warranty or guarantee for its quality of performance; and
- (e) who designed the old track and what were the specifications for its construction?

1896. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health:

In regards to Albany Health Campus' Agency Nurses, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) between 1 May 2013 and 1 March 2014, how many agency nurses have been employed at the health campus;
- (b) what was the total cost of employing these nurses; and
- (c) what was the reason for employing the nurses?

1897. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health:

In regards to the Albany Health Campus Nurse Graduates 2013–2014:

- (a) how many graduate nurses have been employed on 12 month contracts during the calendar years of 2013 and 2014;
- (b) when did these contracts end;
- (c) how many of these nurses have been offered new contracts;
- (d) how many of these nurses have been offered permanent employment; and
- (e) how many of the nurses have been offered casual employment?

1898. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

In regards to the Great Southern Institute of Technology Course Changes, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) what courses this year are having student teaching contact hours reduced, by how much and why; and
- (b) what courses are being abolished in the coming year, and why?

1899. Mr P.B. Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services:

In regards to the Lower Great Southern Family Support Association, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) has the Disability Services Commission (DSC) been approached by the Lower Great Southern Family Support Association (LGSFSA) to meet with them to improve management issues:
 - (i) if so, what was the outcome and what advice or support was given to the LGSFSA by the DSC; and
 - (ii) if not, why won't the DSC offer that advice or support;
- (b) has the DSC identified any management issues in the LGSFSA, and if so what are they;
- (c) has the DSC encouraged any other agencies to pursue clients from the LGSFSA, and if so why;
- (d) does the DSC have any specific allegations relating to the management of the LGSFSA, if so, what are these allegations;
- (e) if there are matters of concern, why won't DSC move to resolve these matters; and
- (f) why after an email received by CEO Carlyn Conder on 6 September 2013 from Anne Knowles, Acting Executive Manager South, that acknowledges documentation provided by LGSFSA, stating it meets DSC requirements and in particular, the Commission wishes LGSFSA well in implementing the strategic and business plan, that a letter would be sent dated 5 February 2014 that DSC were now conducting a Forensic Review of LGSFSA?

1900. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) How much money from the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) was allocated to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) in the 2013–2014 financial year under the heading Metropolitan Intersection Crashes - state and local roads?
- (2) How much of that money has been allocated to state roads?
- (3) How much of that money has been allocated to local roads?
- (4) What specific projects has the money been allocated to and how much has been allocated for each project?
- (5) For each project will you please advise whether that is the total cost of the project and if not what the total cost of the project is?

1901. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) Has the \$100,000 been provided to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) from the Road Trauma Trust Account for the Cyclists Safety and Urban design Study?
- (2) When was the money provided?
- (3) Has work on the study commenced:
 - (a) if so , on what date did work commence; and
 - (b) if not, why not?
- (4) Is MRWA using a consultant/contractor or are they doing the work in house?
- (5) If they are using a consultant/contractor, what is the name of the consultant/contractor?
- (6) When will the study be completed?
- (7) Will the report be provided to the Road Safety Council?
- (8) Will the report be made available to the public?

1902. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) How much money from the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) was allocated to the Drug and Alcohol Office (DAO) for drug driving community education?
- (2) On what date was the money provided to the DAO?
- (3) Has that money been expended?
- (4) What programs were delivered under that project and what was the cost for each program?
- (5) What programs are still to be delivered under that project and what is the cost for each program?
- (6) Will there be any evaluation of this project and if so what are the details?

1903. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) Does the Office of Road Safety (ORS) have an allocation from the Road Trauma Trust Account for Repeat Drink Driving Implementation?
- (2) Did the ORS submit a request for funding for this purpose, and if so, how much was requested?
- (3) Did the Road Safety Council recommend the funding and if so how much did they recommend?
- (4) If the ORS didn't receive the funding, why didn't it?
- (5) If the recommendation of the Road Safety Council was rejected, why was it rejected and who by?

1904. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) How much money from the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) was allocated to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) in the 2013–2014 financial year under the heading Regional and Remote Road Improvements - state and local roads?
- (2) What is the difference between that figure and the recommended allocation from the Road Safety Council?
- (3) What is the reason for the difference?
- (4) How much of that money has been allocated to state roads?
- (5) How much of that money has been allocated to local roads?
- (6) What specific projects has the money been allocated to and how much has been allocated for each project?
- (7) For each project will you please advise whether that is the total cost of the project and if not what the total cost of the project is?

1905. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) Has the \$120,000 been provided to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) from the Road Trauma Trust Account for Safety Performance and Report Mapping?
- (2) When was the money provided?
- (3) Has work on the project commenced:
 - (a) if so, on what date did work commence; and
 - (b) if not, why not?
- (4) Is MRWA using a consultant/contractor or are they doing the work in house?
- (5) If they are using a consultant/contractor, what is the name of the consultant/contractor?
- (6) When will the project be completed?
- (7) Will the report be provided to the Road Safety Council?

- (8) Will the report be made available to the public?

1906. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) Did the Drug and Alcohol Office (DAO) submit a request to the Road Safety Council for Road Trauma Trust Account funds for the purpose of drug driving community education?
- (2) How much money did the DAO request for that program?
- (3) How much money did the Road Safety Council recommend be allocated to the DAO for the purpose of drug driving community education?
- (4) Why has this request been denied by government?

1907. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) Has an amount of \$405,720 been provided to Western Australian Police from the 2013–2014 Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) budget for the Advanced Traffic Motor Vehicle Project:
 - (a) if so on what date was the money provided; and
 - (b) if not, how much money has currently been provided?
- (2) what is the total cost of that project?
- (3) what specifically will the money from the RTTA be spent on?
- (4) will the RTTA money be fully expended by 30 June 2014 and if not why not?

1908. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) Does the Office of Road Safety (ORS) have an allocation from the Road Trauma Trust Account for Drink Driving Community Education?
- (2) Did the ORS submit a request for funding for this purpose, and if so, how much was requested?
- (3) Did the Road Safety Council recommend the funding and if so how much did they recommend?
- (4) If the ORS didn't receive the funding, why didn't it?
- (5) If the recommendation of the Road Safety Council was rejected, why was it rejected and who by?
- (6) What funds does the ORS have for Drink Driving Community Education?
- (7) How will those funds be expended?

1909. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to redundancies in Western Power and ask:

- (a) how many redundancies took place in 2012 and 2013; and
- (b) how many of those who took redundancy have since been re-engaged by Western Power on a consultancy basis?

1910. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Police:

I refer to classification and recording of domestic Violence incidents and ask:

- (a) has there been any change in the last 12 months with the police procedures for collating Domestic Violence statistics;
- (b) if a domestic violence victim and the perpetrator had previously been in a relationship but had no contact with each other for 10 years and an assault occurs would this incident be categorised as a domestic violence incident;
- (c) if such an incident as described in (b) is not categorised as a domestic violence incident would the Minister provide the rationale behind such a decision; and

- (d) if such an incident as described in (b) is not categorised as a domestic violence incident, was this is also the case prior to March 2013?

1911. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) Does the Office of Road Safety (ORS) have an allocation from the Road Trauma Trust Account for Restraints Community Education?
- (2) Did the ORS submit a request for funding for this purpose, and if so, how much was requested?
- (3) Did the Road Safety Council recommend the funding and if so how much did they recommend?
- (4) If the ORS didn't receive the funding, why didn't it?
- (5) If the recommendation of the Road Safety Council was rejected, why was it rejected and who by?
- (6) What funds does the ORS have for Restraints Community Education?
- (7) How will those funds be expended?

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