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- 1072. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 1098. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Science
- 1099. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health
- 1100. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs
- 1101. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Fisheries
- 1102. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
- 1103. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Tourism; Road Safety; Women's Interests
- 1104. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Forestry
- 1105. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection
- 1106. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Attorney General; Minister for Commerce
- 1107. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Housing
- 1108. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming
- 1109. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1110. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Energy; Finance; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1111. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth
- 1112. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Heritage
- 1113. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business; Veterans

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- 1258. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
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- 1263. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister representing the Minister for Education

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- 1264. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 1266. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport
- 1267. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport
- 1268. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
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- 1273. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 1274. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
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- 1277. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Local Government
- 1278. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier
- 1279. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Housing
- 1280. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1281. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1282. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer
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- 1284. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government
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- 1298. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment

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- 1299. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
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- 1301. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 1302. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 1303. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1304. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Attorney General
- 1305. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Tourism
- 1306. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

- 1307. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment
- 1308. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1309. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry
- 1310. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Police
- 1311. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health
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- 1313. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health
- 1314. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 1315. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport
- 1316. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Planning

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

**1318. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question without Notice no. 608, specifically the 82 not-for-profit housing sector deliverers the Minister mentioned, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please provide for each of the 82 not-for-profit housing sector deliverers in Western Australia:
  - (i) their names;
  - (ii) their addresses; and
  - (iii) their contact phone numbers?

**1319. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to cannabis intervention notices in the *Cannabis Law Reform Act 2003* and ask, from the first of January 2012 onwards:

- (a) how many juveniles and adults have been issued with cannabis intervention notices;
- (b) how many juveniles and adults have undertaken education sessions on cannabis use as a result of a CIN; and
- (c) how many juveniles and adults have been prosecuted following non-attendance of an education session on cannabis use?

**1320. Mr R.H. Cook to the Premier:**

I refer to the line item entitled Office of Science on page 80 of *Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1.* and ask:

- (a) what programs are included in funding for the Office of Science; and
- (b) how much have each of these programs been funded?

**1321. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to Perth Children's Hospital and I understand that there will be 400 dedicated paediatric beds in the system with the completion of the new children's hospital. Given that modelling says that 399 paediatric beds will be required by 2021 (as stated by the Minister), I ask:

- (a) what plans are being made to adequately meet demand in 2021 and beyond;
- (b) what capacity will there be to increase beds at Perth Children's Hospital in 2021; and
- (c) what are the range of options available to increase beds in 2021 when paediatric services are again under pressure?

**1322. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Closing the Gap program, and its funding under a National Partnership Agreement with the Federal government, and ask:

- (a) has the Minister now commenced negotiations on Closing the Gap Funding with the new Federal government; and
- (b) what is the status of these negotiations?

**1323. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

(1) I refer to services for people suffering from severe eating disorders, and ask:

- (a) what publically accessible services dedicated to assisting people with eating disorders are currently available in Western Australia;
- (b) what dedicated in-patient public services are currently available for young adults (16–25 years old) suffering from eating disorders in Western Australia;
- (c) what dedicated in-patient public services are currently available for people who fall outside of the 16–25 year old age range suffering from eating disorders in Western Australia; and
- (d) what research and modeling on the needs of the community, with regard to eating disorders, have been undertaken and what are the outcomes of this research?

(2) I understand that a working group was established in 2012 to examine the issue of eating disorder young adult services in Western Australia, with a submission made to Sir Charles Gairdner and Princess Margaret Hospital in July 2012:

- (a) can the Minister please table a copy of this report; and
- (b) what action was taken on this report?

(3) Will the new Perth Children's Hospital include a dedicated in-patient facility and beds for young people suffering from eating disorders?

(4) How many dedicated mental health beds will be included in the Perth Children's Hospital?

**1324. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the report from the Education and Health Standing Committee on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, released September 2012, and ask:

- (a) which recommendations have and have not been implemented;

- (b) of the recommendations that have been implemented, for each one please give details on funding and exact action that has been taken; and
- (c) of the recommendations that have not been implemented:
  - (i) what is the reason for not implementing them; and
  - (ii) what action will be taken to implement them, including funding and timelines?

**1325. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 137 of *Budget Paper No.2, Volume 1*. and the reference to the \$18 million for health and medical research which is to be reprioritised from within the Western Australian Health budget, and ask:

- (a) is it now known where this will be reprioritised from and, if so, where;
- (b) what programs and services will be cut to make up the \$18 million shortfall in Health and Medical Research funding;
- (c) what programs and organisations will be funded under the \$30 million additional funding for health and medical research in Western Australia, and how much will they be funded; and
- (d) will the Minister be influencing what programs and projects will be prioritised for receipt of research funding, or will this be the responsibility of the organisations funded?

**1326. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

(1) I refer to North West Western Australia Health Workforce gaps:

- (a) what studies and research have been undertaken into demand for health services in country Western Australia; and
- (b) what health workforce gaps have been identified in country Western Australian health services?

(2) Please answer question (1) with reference to specific regions of the state, with reference to both children's and adult health (where relevant) and with reference to the below areas of specialty:

- (a) Speech pathology;
- (b) Physiotherapy;
- (c) Occupational Therapy;
- (d) Psychology;
- (e) Aged care;
- (f) Dental Health;
- (g) Mental Health;
- (h) any other early intervention therapy programs for children; and
- (i) any other areas of health where workforce gaps have been identified?

**1327. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to Department of Health legal services, and the across the board Government reduction in spend on legal services:

- (a) how much was spent on legal consultants by the Department of Health in 2011–2012 and 2012–2013; and
- (b) will there be any reduction in services available to the Department as a result of the cut to funding for legal services?

**1328. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

- (1) What preventative and educational programs with regard to mental health does the Department of Health currently fund?
- (2) Are there any mental health education programs accessible for youth?
- (3) How are the programs in answer to question (2) promoted to youth?

**1329. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the new Midland Health Campus, and the clinic to be built that will undertake the procedures SJOG refuse to administer such as vasectomies and abortions, and I ask:

- (a) how much is the clinic expected to cost to:
  - (i) construct; and
  - (ii) operate on a recurrent basis;
- (b) how many procedures are anticipated to be scheduled there per year;
- (c) has there been any investigation if these procedures can be scheduled at other existing hospitals within the region, such as Kalamunda:
  - (i) if yes, what is the cost for this option; and
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (d) will the clinic open at the same time as the Midland Health Campus?

**1330. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to commitments made by the Department of Housing to the Warmun Community and its outstations of Frog Hollow, Bow River and Violet Valley, and ask:

- (a) will the government commit to an agreement with the Warmun Community to control the cost of housing rental payments for these outstations;
- (b) will the government commit to an agreement with the Community to control the cost of housing supply for these outstations; and
- (c) will the government address the chronic overcrowding and maintenance issues in these communities and if so how and when?

**1331. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the way in which the Department of Housing (DOH) structures their tenders for housing and material supplies to small businesses in the Kimberley, and ask:

- (a) why do some DOH tenders specify the brand of pavers and bricks to be supplied by the name of the company (eg: Brikmakers/Boral) which immediately cuts out other alternative and local regional suppliers;
- (b) why do most DOH tenders for housing in the Kimberley specify metal roof frame trusses, (only available from Perth or Darwin) when there are cheaper, locally made, wood truss supplies available which conform to the building and DOH requirements for Northern Australian housing; and
- (c) in keeping with the Buy Local Policies of the Barnett government:
  - (i) will DOH communicate, liaise with and assist small and/or indigenous construction, earthmoving and building supply companies in the Kimberley about tender opportunities specific to the Kimberley and Pilbara regions and if not why not; and
  - (ii) will DOH break up larger housing or supply tenders into smaller contract packages and make these available to regional Western Australian businesses for tender and if not why not?

**1332. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to needs for adolescent youth and mental health services, and ask:

- (a) how many beds are there in the metropolitan health system dedicated to:
  - (i) children's mental health; and
  - (ii) young adult/adolescent mental health;
- (b) in regards to question (a), what hospitals are they located at;
- (c) how many beds are there in the country health system dedicated to:
  - (i) children's mental health; and
  - (ii) young adult/adolescent mental health;
- (d) in regards to question (b), what hospitals are they located at;
- (e) what is the projected number of children and adolescent's mental health beds required in both the WA Country Health and Metropolitan health system over the next 10 years;
- (f) how many beds will be dedicated to mental health at the new children's hospital;
- (g) will any additional adolescent and children's mental health beds be located at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Midland Health Campus; and
- (h) are there plans to expand children and adolescent mental health beds at any other metropolitan and country hospitals, and if so where and which ones?

**1333. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister for Police:**

- (1) Is the Fremantle district administration unit being relocated to Cockburn, if so when?
- (2) What is the current status of the old Fremantle Police Station site on Henderson Street?
- (3) Is maintenance work being done to the Henderson Street site, and if so, please detail the work?
- (4) When does the government plan to make a decision about this site?
- (5) Will police be relocated back to the Henderson street site once it is safe to do so or will the government relocate the police station to Cockburn?

**1334. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister for Finance:**

I refer to the Tenders WA website and ask:

- (a) how many times has the tender for the office accommodation in the Kings Square development been advertised;
- (b) how many companies applied for the tender for the government office accommodation each time it was advertised at the Kings Square development in Fremantle;
- (c) what were the names of the companies who applied for the tender;
- (d) what are the reasons for the delays in this project;
- (e) what is the timeline for the relocation of a government department; and
- (f) why is the government stalling on its election promise to move a government department to Fremantle?

**1335. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister for Tourism:**

I refer to the Rottnest Island golf course and I ask:

- (a) what fertilizers are being used on the golf course; and
- (b) has there been any environmental assessment of the effect on surrounding waterways of fertilisers used on the golf course?

**PETER J. McHUGH**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly