



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024

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- 1736. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services
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- 1742. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports
- 1744. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
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- 1749. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General

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- 1750. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy

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1766. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General
1767. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
1768. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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1769. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade

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- 1778. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning
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- 1781. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action
- 1782. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
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- 1785. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
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- 1806. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
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- 1820. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1831. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action
- 1832. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Forestry
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- 1838. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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- 1839. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment; Climate Action; Racing and Gaming
- 1840. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 1841. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 1842. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 1843. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
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1846. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health:

I refer to a statement made by Hon Stephen Dawson, during the debate on the motion moved by myself on the 15 November 2023, referring to the effect of the government's COVID-19 measures that: "For the most part, our lives were virtually unchanged". Would the minister please provide the following information, preferably in tabular form:

- (a) during the COVID-19 emergency declaration period, in Western Australia,:
 - (i) the total number of days of state border lockdown;
 - (ii) total number of days that masks were directed to be worn in public;
 - (iii) total number of days that social distancing was directed to be undertaken;
 - (iv) total number of days that the public was required to sign in to visit venues;
 - (v) the number of people that died from forensically confirmed COVID-19;
 - (vi) the number of people that died "from" PCR indicated COVID-19; and
 - (vii) the number of people that died "with" COVID-19 attributed as being present.; and
- (b) following the start of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, in Western Australia,:
 - (i) total number of COVID-19 vaccines voluntarily taken (not due to mandates);
 - (ii) total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered due to the mandates;
 - (iii) the average annual rate of total deaths;
 - (iv) the average annual rate of excess deaths;
 - (v) the average annual rate of suicide;
 - (vi) the annual death total;
 - (vii) the annual excess death total; and
 - (viii) the annual number of suicides?

1847. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to a statement made by Hon Wilson Tucker, made during the debate on the motion by myself on the 15 November 2023, referring to police authority and power to implement COVID-19 measures, such as the G2G passes, and I ask:

- (a) how does police participation in measures such as the G2G pass directions correlate with their defined roles under both the *Police Act* in keeping Her Majesty's peace (section 10), and/or the *Emergency Management Act* ("EMA") and regulations

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- regarding victim identity management for major emergencies, such as road crashes and terrorist acts (regulation 16);
- (b) what was the legal basis of police actions of arresting and prosecuting people for not wearing masks or being present in venues without proof of COVID-19 vaccination status;
 - (c) were the police actions wholly legally founded and based on areas prescribed to the "Police Force of Western Australia" or "Police Service" by the EMA and regulations, especially regulations 16, 28 & 29, or the *Police Act 1892*; and
 - (d) if no to (c), why not?

1848. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to Hakea Prison, and I ask:

- (a) what are the monthly out of cell hours for prisoners during the following months:
 - (i) August;
 - (ii) September; and
 - (iii) October;
- (b) on how many occasions have prisoners spent more than 20 hours in their cells during the following months:
 - (i) August;
 - (ii) September; and
 - (iii) October;
- (c) at any time since 1 September 2023 has the water to prisoner's cells been cut off; and
- (d) if yes to (c), on how many occasions and for how long each time?

1849. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the State Government's public housing program, and I ask:

- (a) How many disruptive behaviour complaints have been made for each of the following financial years:
 - (i) 2017-18;
 - (ii) 2018-19;
 - (iii) 2019-20;
 - (iv) 2020-21;
 - (v) 2021-22;
 - (vi) 2022-23; and

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- (vii) 2023-24, to date; and
- (b) For each of the years listed in (a), how many "strikes" were issued, and against how many public housing residents?

1850. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:

Please provide in tabular form personally de-identified information which shows by postcode/Local Government Area, the number of current firearm licence holders and the number of firearms registered?

1851. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) Regarding the operation of Community Based Orders (CBOs), I ask, as at 1 January 2024:
 - (a) how many offenders were subject to a CBO of any duration;
 - (b) what were the relevant offences committed (grouped data acceptable);
 - (c) by postcode/local government area, what was the registered residential address of these offenders; and
 - (d) what proportion of these individuals subject to a CBO are in any form of paid employment?
- (2) How many Corrections staff are responsible for the management of/supervision of this CBO cohort?

1852. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) Regarding the operation of Conditional Suspended Imprisonment Orders (CSIOs), I ask, as at 1 January 2024:
 - (a) how many offenders were subject to a CSIO of any duration;
 - (b) what were the relevant offences committed (grouped data acceptable);
 - (c) by postcode/local government area, what was the registered residential address of these offenders; and
 - (d) what proportion of these individuals subject to a CSIO are in any form of paid employment?
- (2) How many Corrections staff are responsible for the management of/supervision of this CSIO cohort?

1853. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to Housing Indemnity Insurance (HII), and I ask:

- (a) for each of the following years, how many HII policies have been issued:
 - (i) 2017-18;
 - (ii) 2018-19;

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- (iii) 2019-20;
- (iv) 2020-21;
- (v) 2021-22;
- (vi) 2022-23; and
- (vii) 2023-24 (to date); and
- (b) for each of the years in (a):
 - (i) how many HII payout applications received;
 - (ii) how many payout applications were approved; and
 - (iii) at what total cost per year?

1854. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests:

I refer to the WA Building Bonus grants, and I ask:

- (a) how many grants have been paid, per month, since the start of the grants program to date;
- (b) for (a), what was the total cost of payments per month; and
- (c) how many grants have been paid and at what cost, in total, to date?

1855. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests:

I refer to the Builders Support Facility, and I ask:

- (a) how many builders have registered interest in the scheme as of 31 January 2024;
- (b) for all registration of interests (RIOs) in (a), what is the total value of all answers to the form question "What are the combined estimated costs to complete the Class 1a residential houses that were commenced before 1 January 2022, and have not reached practical completion?";
- (c) for all RIOs in (a), what is the total value of all answers to the form question "How many Class 1a residential houses that were commenced before 1 January 2022, have NOT reached practical completion?"; and
- (d) when will the first loans for the Builders Support Facility be approved and provided to builders?

1856. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Vasse River as it flows through Busselton, and I ask:

- (a) what plan does the Government have in place to improve the water quality in the Vasse River;
- (b) what budget does the Government have in place to improve the water quality in the Vasse River;
- (c) is the Government measuring the level of phytoplankton in the Vasse River;
- (d) if yes to (c), in what locations is the testing occurring and at what frequencies;

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- (e) please table the results of the testing in part (c) for 2021, 2022 and 2023;
- (f) to which Government department(s) is any testing from part (c) being reported;
- (g) are these reports made publicly available;
- (h) what dredging has been done in the Vasse River to improve water quality and what dredging is planned in the future;
- (i) how is the success of the dredging being measured;
- (j) how much phoslock has been used in the river and how much is planned to be used;
- (k) how is the success of the use of Phoslock being measured and please table those measurements;
- (l) has any used Phoslock been removed from the river; and
- (m) how many toxic algal or phytoplankton blooms have been recorded in the Vasse River in 2021, 2022 and 2023?

1857. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action:

- (1) How many carbon credits have been surrendered in the last 5 years to comply with the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority requirements?
- (2) Where were these carbon credits created?
- (3) Under what methods were they created?
- (4) What was the dollar value of these credits?
- (5) How many of the credits surrendered were generated in Western Australia?
- (6) What was the value of those credits to the WA economy?
- (7) We note the opening of the Investment Attraction Fund, New Energies Industries Funding Stream. Could you please confirm that the definition of Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage includes Nature Based Solutions such as soil carbon sequestration?

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council