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## **QUESTIONS BOOKLET**

#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

## **TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023**

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#### **QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS**

Notice Given Thursday, 23 February 2023

1274. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing (SO108(2) response due 9 May 2023)

Notice Given Tuesday, 14 March 2023

- 1287. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1294. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1297. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Small Business

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1305. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

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- 1312. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 1313. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 1330. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

Notice Given Thursday, 30 March 2023

1367. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government

**QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY** 

Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

### 1391. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the issue of claims harvesting impacting the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA), and I ask:

- (a) did anyone from ICWA give a presentation on claims harvesting at the Australian Insurance Law Association (AILA) seminar held on 8 December 2021; and
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table the paper or presentation delivered at the AILA seminar?

## 1392. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1393. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

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## 1394. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Heritage:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1395. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1396. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

### 1397. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning:

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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

### 1398. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:

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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1399. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1400. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1401. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1402. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1403. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Climate Action:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

### 1404. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1405. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Forestry:

- (a) does the Minister's office, and agency/department(s) within the Minister's portfolio, have administration governance processes in place to ensure compliance with the Code and enable auditable records of contact between government representatives and registered lobbyists;
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#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1406. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

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### **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

#### 1407. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Garden St and Nicholson Rd Intersection (Canning Vale/Thornlie), and I ask:

- (a) how many vehicle accidents have occurred at the Garden Street and Nicolson Road (Canning Vale/Thornlie) roundabout intersection for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and year to date 2023;
- (b) of these vehicle accidents how many resulted in fatalities;
- (c) how many accidents involving cyclists have occurred at the Garden Street and Nicolson Road, Canning Vale roundabout intersection for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and year to date 2023.; and
- (d) how many accidents that involved cyclists resulted in the death of cyclists?

## 1408. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the Minister to the \$16.5 million specifically allocated for extra staff to support Western Australia Police's 950 additional officers, and I ask:

- (a) how much of this allocation has been spent to date; and
- (b) how many additional staff have been employed for this programme?

### 1409. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to cardiothoracic surgery undertaken at Fiona Stanley Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) how many critical inpatients are currently waiting for surgery; and
- (b) over the last six months, how many patients have been removed from the waitlist due to death occurring before surgery could be performed?

## 1410. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the much-delayed *Annual Report of the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage* and the Auditor General's Opinion related to Land at Fair Value at \$2.747 billion, and I quote, "Management were unable to substantiate the existence of all administered land. This was due to inadequate controls over administered land, as some land was subject to a management order and therefore should not be recognised", I ask:

- (a) in table form, will the Minister please provide a list of lands included on the State's assets, where a valuation exists on lands with a management order, identifying:
  - (i) the management order holder;
  - (ii) the unique land identification number for the lot;
  - (iii) the valuation which has been included; and
  - (iv) approximate date (by financial year) when that valuation has been included on the States assets?

### **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

#### 1411. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) I refer to the impact of flooding in the Fitzroy Valley that in January, and I ask:
  - (a) what is the estimated number of Fitzroy Valley residents who remain in temporary accommodation in:
    - (i) Broome;
    - (ii) Derby; and
    - (iii) other towns and cities in Western Australia?
- (2) When will all the residents referred to in (1), be able to return to new or refurbished housing in the Fitzroy Valley?

## 1412. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the finalisation of the Tjiwarl Native Title Settlement, and I ask:

- (a) will the settlement incorporate payment for past cultural loss;
- (b) if yes to (a), what will the quantum of that payment be;
- (c) if yes to (b), who will pay for any assessed past cultural loss separated by private sector payments and government payments; and
- (d) will the settlement establish a basis for the assessment of cultural loss for future development?

## 1413. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests:

I refer to question on notice 278 concerning the sale of the Landgate building, and I ask:

- (a) what date was the final decision made on the Landgate building sale;
- (b) what date was settlement of the sale;
- (c) is there a rule or procedure requiring at least two independent valuations prior to the sale of an asset of this value; and
- (d) regardless of answer to (c), why weren't two or more independent valuations sought to ascertain the value of the building?

## 1414. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

How many additional new social dwellings have been completed in the following regional towns and cities since 1 July 2022:

- (a) Kalgoorlie;
- (b) Karratha;
- (c) Broome; and
- (d) Port Hedland?

### **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

#### 1415. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Finance:

I refer to the Department of Finance contract of April 2020 to construct a mangrove boardwalk and other facilities in Koombana Park in Bunbury to BGC, and the subsequent subcontracting of Elite Fabrications, and I ask:

- (a) what cost escalations were available under the contract to the subcontractor Elite Fabrications due to shortages of labour and materials;
- (b) did the project suffer timeframe and cost issues as a result of shortages of labour and materials;
- (c) were penalties applied to Elite Fabrications as a result of these timeframe and cost issues;
- (d) if yes to (c), why were they imposed;
- (e) did issues including delays arise in this project as a result of strict specifications being applied for materials that had to be imported;
- (f) what efforts did the Department of Finance make to ensure that Elite Fabrications was not financially penalised for cost escalations or time delays; and
- (g) did delays occur with the delivery of detailed planning, and how did this impact on Elite Fabrications?

## 1416. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Esperance Energy Transition Package, and ask:

- (a) how many households requested:
  - (i) replacement of their hot water system, and what was the total cost to the government to replace all hot water systems;
  - (ii) replacement of their heating, and what was the total cost to the government to replace all heating appliances;
  - (iii) replacement of their cooking appliances, and what was the total cost to the government to replace all cooking appliances; and
  - (iv) conversion to gas bottles, and what was the total cost to the government to undertake those conversions; and
- (b) how many businesses requested financial assistance to replace appliances, and can the Minister provide a list of appliances replaced, including the total number of each type of appliance replaced and the total cost of replacing each type of appliance?

### **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Tuesday, 9 May 2023

## 1417. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to my question on notice 1281, where a specific answer was unable to be provided due to changes in the Department of Communities' reporting methods for the public housing waitlist, and I ask:

- (a) for each of the calendar years from when the current reporting system was implemented to present year-to-date:
  - (i) how many new applications were added to the waitlist and how many individuals did that represent;
  - (ii) how many applications resulted in housing being obtained, and how many individuals did that represent;
  - (iii) how many applications were removed from the waitlist for any other reason; and
  - (iv) how many applications in (i-iii), were priority, and how many individuals did that represent?

## 1418. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the answers provided to my question on notice 1049 and the fact that answers to part (a), and part (b-c), have numbers of public housing tenancies by year, but the figures show a difference of approximately 5000 tenancies, and I ask, what is the reason for this difference?

## 1419. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the recent decision of the Federal Government to review funding for infrastructure projects, and I ask:

- (a) which projects have been cancelled:
  - (i) for those projects, what is their estimated value and what was the Federal Government contribution; and
- (b) which projects have been deferred or had their cash flows adjusted, and:
  - (i) for those projects what are the cash flows before and after the change?

#### **Paul Grant**

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council