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377. Ms M.J. Davies to the Premier:

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- (a) Please confirm all variables input into the modelling;
- (b) How many sets of scenarios based on 'simulations of epidemic growth' were used as the basis for the modelling; and
- (c) For each simulation:
 - (i) On what date was peak vaccine immunity expected to be reached;
 - (ii) On what date was the anticipated peak for cases;
 - (iii) What was the estimated daily number of positive cases leaking into the community expected to be;
 - (iv) How many individuals were anticipated to be triaged from hospital by using COVID at home;
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381. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Health:

(1) I refer to the document WA Department of Health Omicron COVID-19 modelling, tabled 22 February 2022 in the Legislative Assembly as tabled paper 963, and I ask:

- (a) Is there specific modelling for outbreaks in the following scenarios:
 - (i) Aged care setting;
 - (ii) Remote Aboriginal Communities;
 - (iii) Regional Western Australia, where a hospital is present;
 - (iv) Regional Western Australia, where there is no hospital or healthcare present;
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 - (vi) Major events, such as a grand final for football;
 - (vii) Retail venues, for example bottle shops;
 - (viii) Boarding schools;
 - (ix) Step up, Step down facilities;
 - (x) Women's refuges;
 - (xi) Camp schools;
 - (xii) Prisons;
 - (xiii) Childcare facilities;
 - (xiv) Day hospital venues or physical rehabilitation facilities;
 - (xv) Hotels, with both negative pressure and positive pressure environments; and
 - (xvi) Other venues where there's potential for high contact amongst a small group of people, where transmission is likely?

- (2) For all examples in (1), please provide details on how these scenarios had different variables compared to the baseline data?
- (3) If no scenario specific modelling has been done, why was this modelling not undertaken considering these high contact environments are widely accepted of being at greater risk of experiencing negative outcomes due to COVID-19?

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383. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Water:

I refer to a state-wide review of customer accounts conducted by the Water Corporation, which identified a number of properties that now require a non-standard water supply service, and I ask:

- (a) When was this review conducted;
- (b) What triggered the review;
- (c) How many properties had a non-standard service agreement before the review, as a whole value and as a percentage of total customers;
- (d) How many properties have been identified that require a non-standard service agreement as a result of the review. Please provide a breakdown between commercial and residential;
- (e) Why is it the property owner's responsibility to install water treatment infrastructure at their property, at their cost, if they have been long-term customers of Water Corporation up until the review was conducted;

- (f) What are the consequences for a property owner if they refuse to sign the non-standard service agreement; and
- (g) How long has it been a regulatory requirement for Water Corporation to require eligible customers on their network to sign a non-standard service agreement?

384. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Water:

On the Water Corporation advice article in relation to non-standard service agreements (<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Help-and-advice/Non-standard-water-service/Non-standard-service/Non-standard-service-agreement>), there is a reference that Water Corporation has identified properties that will require a change to their non-standard agreement or require a non-standard agreement for the first time. Please advise:

- (a) How many of these agreements were found due to changes in IT systems for the individual financial years:
 - (i) 2020-2021;
 - (ii) 2021-2022; and
 - (iii) 2022-to date; and
- (b) How many of these agreements were found due to changes to guidelines for the individual financial years:
 - (i) 2020-2021;
 - (ii) 2021-2022; and
 - (iii) 2022-to date?

385. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Water:

I refer to Water Corporation customers in Danging that have recently been advised they must sign a non-standard service agreement as Water Corporation cannot guarantee an adequate chlorine residual in Danging due to the distance the water has to travel, and I ask:

- (a) Did the upgrade to tanks and infrastructure in Cunderdin (announced in 2016) impact the quality of water delivered to Danging customers;
- (b) If no, what has impacted the quality of water delivered to Danging customers to require a non-standard service agreement; and
- (c) If yes, why has the issue only been identified now?

386. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many Legionella cases have been recorded in Western Australia (by hospital) in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2019-2020;
 - (b) 2020-2021; and
 - (c) 2021-to date?
- (2) For each of the above years, how many of the cases:
 - (a) Were suspected or confirmed to be contracted at the hospital; and
 - (b) Resulted in death?
- (3) For each of the above years, how many patients have received treatment for suspected or confirmed contamination of Legionella?

387. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

- (1) What date in December did the Minister place an order for Rapid Antigen Tests for the State?
- (2) How many were ordered on that date and from where?
- (3) How many were subsequently ordered, on what date and from where?
- (4) Have charter flights been used or are they scheduled for use to transport the remaining tests on order:
 - (a) If so, how many and from where; and
 - (b) How much did each of these further charter flights cost?
- (5) When is the full supply of 111 million tests ordered expected to arrive in WA?

388. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the “trial” of a Department of Communities office in Margaret River and its subsequent closure in 2020 and I ask:

- (a) Given the trial review was supposed to finish in January 2021, is this office now permanently closed:
 - (i) If not, when will the office re-open;
 - (ii) What will the opening hours be; and
 - (iii) How many Full Time Equivalent staff will be employed;
- (b) When will the outcomes of the review of the trial be released;
- (c) If the office will remain permanently closed, what is the justification; and
- (d) Are there any other support services being implemented in Margaret River to address the increasing mental health needs:
 - (i) If not, why not; and
 - (ii) If yes, what are they and when will they be implemented?

389. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

I refer to page 107 of the 2021-2022 Government Mid-Year Review; COVID-19 Vaccination Community Funding Program, and I ask:

- (a) How much of the \$500,000 allocated in 2021-2022 for the State Vaccine Commander to deliver a grant program providing support for local community activities to improve COVID-19 vaccination rates for priority groups in regional communities has been allocated;
- (b) Can you please list the groups and the amounts provided to each; and
- (c) What has been the process that was followed to determine each allocation?

390. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to your answer to Question on Notice 330 concerning the Forrestfield Airport Link, and I ask:

- (a) Will the Minister release the completed modelling of passenger numbers and the frequency of the service for when this line becomes operational, and if so when;
- (b) Can the Minister advise if modelling has been done on other train and bus services that may need to change their timetables, hours of operation and frequency of service as a result of the Forrestfield Airport Link commencing service? and will the Minister release this modelling and if so when;

- (c) Please detail the expected revenue and operating cost of the Forrestfield Airport Link passenger service over each of the years:
 - (i) 2022-2023;
 - (ii) 2023-2024; and
 - (iii) 2024-2025; and
- (d) Please detail the expected changes to revenue and operating cost of all other train and bus services that will change their timetables, hours of operation and frequency of service as a result of the Forrestfield Airport Link commencing service, over each of the years:
 - (i) 2022-2023;
 - (ii) 2023-2024; and
 - (iii) 2024-2025?

391. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the decision to ‘temporarily’ cease maternity and gynaecological services at Bentley Hospital Maternity Unit on March 27, 2020, and I ask:

- (a) How many women gave birth at the unit in:
 - (i) 2017-2018;
 - (ii) 2018-2019; and
 - (iii) 2019 to March 2020;
- (b) How many midwives and specialist gynaecological and obstetric staff were employed at the unit before it closed;
- (c) Of those employed at the maternity unit, how many were seconded to maternity units or other services at other hospitals (by each hospital);
- (d) How many of those midwives and other staff employed at the maternity unit resigned or were made redundant; and
- (e) Has a date been set to re-open the maternity unit:
 - (i) If yes, what is the date; and
 - (ii) If not, why not and will the unit remain permanently closed?

392. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to all public hospitals, including public hospitals with private operators, and I ask:

- (a) How many elective surgeries were cancelled in:
 - (i) November 2021;
 - (ii) December 2021;
 - (iii) January 2022; and
 - (iv) February 2022; and
- (b) For each month in (a), what was the total number of cancelled elective surgeries by area health service?

393. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

How many elective surgeries were performed at Bunbury District Hospital by category for each month in the following years:

- (c) 2017-2018;
- (d) 2018-2019;
- (e) 2019-2020;
- (f) 2020-2021; and
- (g) 2021 to date?

394. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

- (1) For each hospital in the South West region:
 - (a) What is the bed capacity;
 - (b) Does the hospital have an emergency department and if so, what is the bed capacity; and
 - (c) Does the hospital have an Intensive Care Unit or High Dependency Unit and if so, what is the bed capacity?
- (2) For each hospital in the South West region, what are the total Full Time Equivalents for:
 - (a) Doctors;
 - (b) Nurses;
 - (c) Midwives; and
 - (d) Other (administration, support services etc)?
- (3) For each hospital in the South West region:
 - (a) What health care services are provided;
 - (b) How many operating theatres are there;
 - (c) What surgical operations were performed at each hospital in 2021; and
 - (d) Which hospitals provide day surgeries and what is the bed capacity for day surgery?
- (4) For each hospital in the South West region:
 - (a) Which hospitals currently deliver babies;
 - (b) What is the bed capacity in the maternity section; and
 - (c) How many birthing suites are provided at the hospital?
- (5) For each of the hospitals listed in 4(a), how many babies were delivered in:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (b) 2018;
 - (c) 2019;
 - (d) 2020;
 - (e) 2021; and
 - (f) 2022 to date?

395. Mr P.J. Rundle to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Western Power strategy of replacing insulators to combat pole top fires and I ask:

- (a) How many pole top fires have occurred in Western Australia in:
 - (i) 2019;
 - (ii) 2020;
 - (iii) 2021; and
 - (iv) 2022 to date;
- (b) What type of insulators are causing the fires and why;
- (c) Does Western Power have a strategy for mitigating against pole top fires; and
- (d) Does Western Power have any intention of changing from wooden poles to fireproof poles?

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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