



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022**

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1067. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce (*SO108(2) response due 14 February 2023*)

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1086. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government (*SO108(2) response due 14 February 2023*)

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**1143. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Minister for the Environment's response to the question on notice 866, in which it is stated that the Western Australia Biodiversity Audit 2 cost \$571,635 of public funding, involved 110 Western Australian experts/staff on biodiversity conservation and "a final report and analysis of data were not intended outputs of Biodiversity Audit 2", yet a final report of findings and recommendations was published for Biodiversity Audit 1 in 2003, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide a list of the 110 experts/staff involved in Audit 2;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) in the response to question on notice 866, question 7, on 11 October, it is stated that "One" agency was involved in Audit 2 with input from external experts. Who were the external experts and which organisations did they represent or were employed by;
- (d) if no to (c), why not; and
- (e) why was a final report of findings and recommendations published for Audit 1 but not Audit 2?

**1144. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Pilbara Region Biological Survey (2002–2013), which according to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' website, cost \$14.15m (\$12.4 State funds, \$1.5m Commonwealth funding and \$250,000 from industry) and sampled the diversity of plant and animal life across 800 sites across the region but unlike the fauna components of the Survey, the native plants (excluding weeds) aspects of the project has failed to be fully written up, including being published as scientific peer-reviewed papers or in a scientific journal, and I ask:

- (a) what was the total cost of the botanical aspects (terrestrial and wetland plants) of the Pilbara Region Biological Survey project;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) how many people were involved the botanical aspect of the survey;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) why have the botanical aspects of the project – terrestrial and wetland plants (excluding weeds) not been fully written-up, similar to the fauna aspects of vertebrate and invertebrate animals where data was analysed, and made public;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;

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- (g) why have no scientific peer-reviewed papers, similar to the fauna aspects of the project, been published on terrestrial flora (excluding weeds) from the survey;
- (h) if peer-reviewed papers of terrestrial flora (excluding weeds) have been published, can you provide a copy of the paper(s);
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) why have no scientific peer-reviewed papers, similar to the fauna aspects of the project, been published for wetland flora (excluding weeds);
- (k) if peer-reviewed papers of wetland flora (excluding weeds) have been published, can you provide a copy of the paper(s);
- (l) if no to (k), why not;
- (m) how many new listings of ecological communities - threatened and priority - have resulted from the new information or knowledge from the Pilbara Region Biological Survey;
- (n) can you provide a description of the new ecological communities listed as threatened and priority, respectively, for the Pilbara Bio-region since 2013;
- (o) if no to (n), why not;
- (p) how many amendments to listings of ecological communities - threatened and priority - have resulted from the new information or knowledge from the Pilbara Region Biological Survey;
- (q) can you provide a description of new taxa listed as threatened and priority ecological communities, respectively, for the Pilbara Bioregion since 2013;
- (r) if no to (q), why not;
- (s) how many new listings of taxa threatened and priority, respectively, have resulted from the new information or knowledge from the Pilbara Region Biological Survey;
- (t) can you provide a description of new ecological communities listed as threatened and priority, respectively, for the Pilbara Bioregion since 2013;
- (u) if no to (t), why not;
- (v) how many amendments to listings of taxa threatened and priority, respectively, have resulted from the new information or knowledge from the Pilbara Region Biological Survey;
- (w) can you provide a description of new taxa listed as threatened and priority, respectively, for the Pilbara Bioregion since 2013; and
- (x) if no to (x), why not?

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**1145. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to your media statements of 7 November and 19 November 2022 in relation to the Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards and events held in Perth and Albany Respectively, and I ask:

- (a) what was the cost of each event held;
- (b) who was invited to each event;
- (c) who attended each event;
- (d) who was the decision maker in relation to invitations for each event;
- (e) who issued invitations for each event;
- (f) did the Minister or his office provide any advice or guidance to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services as to who should, or should not be invited to each event; and
- (g) if yes to (f), please detail what that advice or guidance was and table any relevant document?

**1146. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the State Risk Report, and I ask:

- (a) on what date did the project commence;
- (b) what is the total cost of the project;
- (c) what proportion of the project cost was borne by the Commonwealth Government;
- (d) please table the agreement with the Commonwealth Government in relation to the project;
- (e) did the agreement with the Commonwealth Government require the publication of the final report and if so please detail the condition requirement;
- (f) has the government considered the State Risk Report and if so on what date and in what form was this consideration;
- (g) does the government intend to make the report public and if so when; and
- (h) please table the report?

**1147. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 2 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia – Annual Report 2021-22* which states that 'Data was extracted from VAD-IMS on 5 October 2022 to account for activity that occurred prior to 30 June 2022 ... Unless specified otherwise, data in the annual report reflects information collected in valid forms only. VAD-IMS also holds data on forms with other status types including void, revoked or invalid', and I ask:

- (a) how many valid forms were relied upon in preparation of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22;
- (b) for what reason(s) might a form be found to be void;
- (c) how many forms were found to be void for the reporting period;

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- (d) of those forms found to be void for the reporting period, were any of the patients identified in these void forms supplied with voluntary assisted dying substances;
- (e) for what reason(s) might a form be revoked;
- (f) how many forms were found to have been revoked for the reporting period;
- (g) of those forms found to have been revoked for the reporting period, were any of the patients in these revoked forms supplied with voluntary assisted dying substances;
- (h) for what reason(s) might a form be found to be invalid;
- (i) how many forms were found to be invalid for the reporting period; and
- (j) of these forms found to be invalid for the reporting period, were any of the patients in these invalid forms supplied with voluntary assisted dying substances?

**1148. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to pages 5 and 21 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia – Annual Report 2021-22*, that state of those people requesting access to voluntary assisted dying in the reporting period, 14.7% were not receiving palliative care. This equates to 52 patients in Western Australia who were not receiving palliative care at the time of their First Assessment. Of those 52 patients, 43 had not received any palliative care within the last 12 months prior to their First Assessment, and I ask:

- (a) given that voluntary assisted dying is about a person who knows they will die soon and is suffering in a way that cannot be relieved in a manner that the person considers tolerable (p3) and given that these 52 patients still had to progress through the necessarily rigorous stages of assessment' which is a complex process (p3) that can take some time, was palliative care made available to these patients to address any physical or other symptoms causing suffering to the patients that could be addressed during the stages of voluntary assisted dying assessment; and
- (b) if palliative care was not made available to these patients, why was it not made available to them?

**1149. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to pages 5 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia – Annual Report 2021-22*, that states 284 patients progressed through the stages of assessment to a Final Request. Of these 284 patients, 190 deaths through the administration of voluntary assisted dying substances were recorded, and page 31 which states during 2021-22, the Statewide Pharmacy Service supplied the prescribed voluntary assisted dying substance on 237 occasions', and I ask:

- (a) of the 94 patients who progressed to a Final Request but whose deaths were not recorded as 'voluntary assisted dying deaths', how many of these patients remain alive today;
- (b) of the 94 patients who progressed to a Final Request but whose deaths were not recorded as 'voluntary assisted dying deaths', how many of these patients were

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supplied with voluntary assisted dying substances by the Statewide Pharmacy Service; and

- (c) of the 94 patients who progressed to a Final Request but whose deaths were not recorded as 'voluntary assisted dying deaths' and who were supplied with a voluntary assisted dying substance, how many have since died of a cause other than the administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance? And in each of these cases, have the unused voluntary assisted dying substances supplied to these patients been returned to an Authorised Disposer (the return process for any unused voluntary assisted dying substances referred to on page 23 of the Annual Report)?

**1150. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the 'Year in Review' on page 5 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* details the process of a voluntary assisted dying request, from 'First Request' to the administration of voluntary assisted dying substances causing the death of the patient. In the key milestones identified on page 9 of the Annual Report, it is noted that the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* commenced in full and that voluntary assisted dying was accessed in Western Australia for the first time on 26 July 2021, 25 days after Voluntary Assisted Dying was legally made available to patients., and I ask:

- (a) from the data extracted from the Voluntary Assisted Dying Information Management System (VAD-IMS), of the 190 voluntary assisted dying deaths reported in 2021-22 what was the average number of days between a patient's First Request and their death caused by the administration of voluntary assisted dying substances;
- (b) what was the shortest number of days recorded between a patient's First Request and their death caused by the administration of voluntary assisted dying substances in the 2021-22 reporting period; and
- (c) what was the longest number of days recorded between a patient's First Request and their death caused by the administration of voluntary assisted dying substances in the 2021-22 reporting period?

**1151. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 5 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states 190 voluntary assisted dying deaths were recorded in the reporting period, which accounts for 1.1% of total deaths in Western Australia in 2021-22, and I ask:

- (a) how does this figure compare with the annual estimate forecast by the Health Minister during Parliamentary debate on the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019*; and
- (b) if there is an increase in voluntary assisted dying deaths recorded in the first reporting period in 2021-22 compared to the annual estimate forecast at the time of passing the legislation, to what does the Minister attribute this increase?



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I refer to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that references '[t]he personal impact of voluntary assisted dying on practitioners undertaking this important work' and provides the following quotes on page 7 : *It was hard on me afterwards. My administration went well, he simply went to sleep with no side-effects. But to be at home, simply with family and no other support (because they were a private couple and I respect that) was confronting – hardest thing I have ever done!* Coordinating Practitioner. *The night before an administration is usually not great as I flip from side to side sleeplessly rehearsing scenarios for the day ahead (especially if I have to put in an IV cannula) ... ..A friend of mine who is a midwife and has a lot of involvement in stillbirth, came to see me when she knew I was taking on this work. She gave me a box of trinkets and explained her own way of memorialising the little lives that came into and went out of the world so quickly. So I kept her trinkets and added my own, mainly items from the natural world that remind me, in one way or another, of this person and their importance in my life.* Coordinating Practitioner; and I ask, what supports are available to practitioners who administer VAD substances to cause the death of a patient including mental health supports and counselling, if any?

**1153. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 8 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that references the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on End-of-Life Choices and its report, *My Life, My Choice*, including recommendations on advance care planning and palliative care; and I ask, what work has been done to progress Recommendations 1 to 18 of the *My Life, My Choice* report?

**1154. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 11 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states medical and nurse practitioners participating in the voluntary assisted dying process must meet eligibility criteria as defined in the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019*, including registration type, practice duration and completion of the Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Approved Training (WA VAD Approved Training); and I ask:

- (a) of the 70 medical practitioners who completed the WA VAD Approved Training to enable them to act as a participating practitioner as a Coordinating, Consulting or Administering Practitioner in the 2021-22 reporting period (p11), how many of these medical practitioners were registered as nurse practitioners;
- (b) of the 50 medical practitioners (71.4% of participating practitioners) who acted as a Coordinating, Consulting or Administering Practitioner in the 2021-22 reporting period (p11), how many of these medical practitioners were registered as nurse practitioners; and
- (c) of the 35 medical practitioners who completed First Assessments as a Coordinating Practitioner in the 2021-22 reporting period (p11), how many of these medical practitioners were registered as nurse practitioners?

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**1155. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 16 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that notes that in the 2021-22 reporting period, 30 First Assessments had a 'not eligible' outcome, and page 17 that states 'In 2021-22, the most common reason patients were found to be ineligible was because they had not been diagnosed with at least one disease, illness or medical condition that would, on the balance of probabilities, cause death within a period of 6 months or in the case of a neurodegenerative disease, illness or medical condition, within a period of 12 months.' The Annual Report also notes that some patients undertaking a First Assessment in the reporting period were also deemed ineligible due to lack of an enduring request for voluntary assisted dying, a lack of decision-making capacity in relation to voluntary assisted dying and/or having been deemed by the Coordinating Practitioner to not be experiencing suffering that cannot be relieved in a manner that the patient considers tolerable. Further, page 21 states that 4 patients found eligible during the First Assessment were then found not eligible during the Consulting Assessment. In reference to the 30 First Assessments and 4 Consulting Assessments that were considered ineligible in the 2021-22 reporting period; I ask:

- (a) if a patient cannot 'progress through the necessarily rigorous stages of assessment' (*Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* at p 3) because they do not meet the eligibility criteria of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* but they are nonetheless struggling to such an extent that they have sought assistance from a medical practitioner to die, what supports are provided to that person if they are ineligible to access voluntary assisted dying; and
- (b) to whom are they referred for care in this instance?

**1156. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 20 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states that '[i]n 2021-22, the most common reasons [for accessing voluntary assisted dying] given by patients assessed as eligible during the first assessment were being less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable, or concern about it (71.1%); losing autonomy, or concern about it (66.3%) and loss of dignity, or concern about it (57.2%); I ask, how many patients, as a percentage, nominated physical pain symptoms as a reason for accessing voluntary assisted dying during the First Assessment?

**1157. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 23 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states that '[i]n 2021-22 231 patients, Contact Persons or Administering Practitioners were supplied a voluntary assisted dying substance [and] 6 patients had more than one supply, due to changing from a self-administration to a practitioner administration or substance expiry'. In total, '237 supplies occurred'. I ask:

- (a) given that 237 supplies of voluntary assisted dying substances occurred in the reporting period, and 190 voluntary assisted dying deaths were recorded in the reporting period (*Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual*

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*Report 2021-22* at p5), can the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board account for the 46 supplies of voluntary assisted dying substances supplied but not administered:

- (i) How many of these voluntary assisted dying substances that were supplied have been returned to an Authorised Disposer;
- (b) further to (a), if some of the voluntary assisted dying substances supplied to patients remain in the possession of some patients for future self-administration, are those patients aware of the expiry timeframes of the voluntary assisted dying substances;
- (c) what are the expiry timeframes of voluntary assisted dying substances used in the administration of voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia;
- (d) does expiry of a voluntary assisted dying substance affect the efficacy of the substance in causing the death of a patient; and
- (e) how many instances of substance expiry were recorded in the 2021-22 reporting period?

**1158. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 25 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states patient deaths by practitioner administration totalled 147 deaths in the reporting period, while patient deaths by self-administration totalled 43 deaths in the reporting period, and compare this with page 26 which states complications were reported in 2.7% of deaths, or in the deaths of four patients, following practitioner administration. All of these complications were reported following practitioner assisted oral ingestion and related to regurgitation/vomiting, coughing and the length of time for the voluntary assisted dying substance to take effect, I ask:

- (a) where length of time was reported as a complication arising following practitioner administration, what was the length of time between practitioner administration and patient death caused by the administration of the voluntary assisted dying substances in each case;
- (b) all of the complications reported following practitioner administration related to assisted oral ingestion. Given that 43 patients elected to self-administer voluntary assisted dying substances within the reporting period via unassisted oral ingestion or unassisted ingestion via PEG or NG tube, has the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board collected any data or received any feedback from practitioners, family members, friends or Contact Persons about complications that arose following these 43 instances of self-administration via unassisted oral ingestion or unassisted ingestion via PEG or NG tube; and
- (c) of those 43 patients who elected to self-administer voluntary assisted dying substances, what was the period of time that elapsed between the date of the supply of the voluntary assisted dying substance and the date of their death caused by self-administration of the voluntary assisted dying substance?

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I refer to page 29 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* which refers to 'ongoing care being the most common type of interaction' for the Statewide Care Navigator Service, and I ask:

- (a) what does this 'ongoing care' for patients seeking access to voluntary assisted dying entail given that on page 30 'ongoing care' is differentiated from enquiry/information requests, assistance for patients seeking a practitioner and care coordination; and
- (b) does 'ongoing care' include the provision of palliative care?

**1160. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 30 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states '[i]n 2021-22, there were a total of 108 requests that met the defined Regional Access Support Scheme criteria in support of 50 patients. Almost all requests (n=104, 96%) were made for travel of a practitioner to a patient for face-to-face care'; and I ask, were there any cases reported to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board in the 2021-22 reporting period where a patient in regional Western Australia sought access to voluntary assisted dying but was unable to progress with their request and assessment process because face-to-face care was not able to be provided?

**1161. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 31 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states '[t]he Community of Practice is an informal collegial group' that 'is composed of health practitioners who have completed the WA VAD Approved Training and staff from the Statewide Care Navigator Service and Statewide Pharmacy Service'; and I ask, how many health practitioners who have completed the WA VAD Approved Training are members of the Community of Practice?

**1162. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 37 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that notes '[t]he Medicare Benefit Schedule item numbers available to remunerate practitioners are insufficient to reasonably account for the time and effort involved [in providing voluntary assisted dying services]. In Western Australia, most participating practitioners choose not to charge voluntary assisted dying patients extra private fees and therefore absorb the costs of providing these services.' The recommendation is made by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board that until Australian Government funding mechanisms are amended to address voluntary assisted dying practitioner remuneration inadequacies, that the Western Australian Government explore a funding model to support practitioners in performing the administrative processes required to comply with the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019*; and I ask:

- (a) what fee does the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board suggest should be provided by the State Government to a practitioner in providing each of the following services:
  - (i) assessing a patient's First Request and submission of relevant form(s);
  - (ii) completing a patient's First Assessment and submission of relevant form(s);

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- (iii) completing a patient's Consultation Assessment and submission of relevant form(s);
- (iv) facilitating a patient's Final Request and submission of relevant form(s);
- (v) facilitating a patient's Administration Decision and submission of relevant form(s);
- (vi) practitioner administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance and submission of relevant form(s); and; and
- (vii) what Medicare Benefit Schedule item numbers are currently utilised by practitioners involved in each of the stages of a patient's request for voluntary assisted dying listed in (i) to (vi)?

**1163. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 37 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that notes the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board recommends that 'adequate and ongoing funding for the WA health system is provided to support the operation of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019*.' Page 38 states, the Board also notes that '[i]n 2021-22, a greater number of voluntary assisted dying requests were received than expected. This has had significant impact on the demand for participating practitioners and statewide services', and I ask:

- (a) what was the Government's budget allocation for the provision of voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia in the reporting period 2021-22;
- (b) what is the Government's budget allocation for the provision of voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia in the current period 2022-23;
- (c) what would be considered to be 'adequate' annual funding to meet the higher than expected demand for voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia;
- (d) what was the Government's budget allocation for the provision of palliative care in Western Australia in the reporting period 2021-22;
- (e) 191 people accessed voluntary assisted dying in the 2021-22 reporting period. How many people accessed palliative care services in the same period;
- (f) what is the Government's budget allocation for the provision of palliative care in Western Australia in the current period 2022-23; and
- (g) what would be considered to be 'adequate' annual funding to meet the unmet demand for palliative care in Western Australia identified in the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on End-of-Life Choices My Life, My Choice Report (referred to on page 8 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22*) and referenced in the JSCEOLC's Recommendations 7 to 18 of that Report?

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I refer to page 39 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states 'The Voluntary Assisted Dying Board is aware concerns have been raised regarding the wording in the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* that relates to interpreters, including wording required by the Written Declaration under section 42 which confuses the roles of interpreter and translator. It is recommended that wording in the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* should be reviewed and revised as appropriate to clarify and more accurately represent the professional responsibilities of an interpreter engaged for the voluntary assisted dying process.' ;and I ask, what are the differences between the role of an interpreter and the role of a translator in the context of the engagement of an interpreter for the voluntary assisted dying process and as they relate to this recommendation of the Board?

**1165. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 39 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states 'To increase the number of interpreters who may provide services as part of the voluntary assisted dying process, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health has broadened the bodies that an interpreter may be accredited by under section 163 to also include a Registered Higher Education Provider or a Registered Training Organisation, in addition [sic] the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).' Earlier in the report (page 19) it was noted that a patient was assisted by an interpreter in only two cases during a First Assessment. ; and I ask, was there difficulty in obtaining an interpreter in these two cases that necessitated the Chief Executive Officer's actions in broadening the bodies that an interpreter may be accredited by under section 163?

**1166. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to page 39 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Board Western Australia Annual Report 2021-22* that states, the Board notes that '[w]hen a self-administration decision is made, a patient is required to independently prepare the voluntary assisted dying substance. Under the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* the patient cannot be assisted with preparing the substance (which includes decanting, mixing etc.) or with the physical act of ingesting the substance. This includes assistance with using their PEG or NG tube. If the patient is unable to independently undertake these actions or is concerned about their ability to undertake these actions, self-administration is not a suitable option and a practitioner administration decision is made to assist with these actions.' However, the Board then immediately goes on to recommend that 'section 58 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* be expanded for the Contact Person or other nominated person to be able to assist the patient in the preparation of the prescribed substance when self-administration is preferred by the patient.' ; and I ask:

- (a) if section 58 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* were amended in line with the Board's recommendation above, could the administration still be considered the self-administration of the voluntary assisted dying substance by the patient given that they are receiving a form of assistance from another person;

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- (b) who might be considered to be a 'nominated person' able to assist a patient in administering a voluntary assisted dying substance; and
- (c) would this person have to be nominated by the patient at the time at which they make their Administration Decision or could this person be any person attending the patient at the time of administration, for example, a spouse, family member or friend, who observes that the patient requires some assistance?

**1167. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to section 12 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* which provides that '[f]or the purposes of the law of the State, a person who dies as the result of the administration of a prescribed substance in accordance with this Act does not die by suicide', and I ask:

- (a) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2021-30 June 2022;
- (b) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2020-30 June 2021;
- (c) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2019-30 June 2020;
- (d) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2018-30 June 2019; and
- (e) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2017-30 June 2018?

**1168. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the 2021-22 Annual Report from the Office of the State Coroner which states that 'the office... has also entered into a working relationship with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in recognition of the importance of identifying any reportable deaths that may have been associated with the use of medicines, vaccines, or medical devices. To assist the TGA.. the Office... has developed a notification system whereby relevant information is de-identified and provided to the TGA', and I ask:

- (a) how many of the 127 TGA notifications were made in reference to:
  - (i) Sodium Nitrate; and
  - (ii) Sodium Nitrite?

**1169. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to question on notice 999 answered on 29 November 2022, and I ask:

- (a) what are the annual water usage figures (with no distinction required between fresh and non-potable water) under each licence quoted in the earlier answer to question on notice 999, for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?

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- (1) How many applications were on the public housing waitlist at the end of November 2022, and how many individuals does that represent?
- (2) How many applications were on the public housing priority waitlist at the end of November 2022, and how many individuals does that represent?

**1171. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

Will the Minister please provide the number of suicide attempts and self-harm cases respectively for November 2022 at each of the youth detention facilities Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Unit 18, respectively?

**1172. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

How many shifts among staff at Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Unit 18, respectively, have gone unfulfilled in November 2022?

**1173. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Finance:**

- (1) I refer to the McGowan Labor Government's promise to redevelop or build new hospitals in Geraldton, Tom Price and Meekatharra and the WA Health Department review recommending upgrades to the Margaret River hospital and I ask, what is the status; budgeted amount; total expected cost; and expected completion date of the following projects:
  - (a) the Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment;
  - (b) the replacement Tom Price Hospital;
  - (c) the new Meekatharra Health Service; and
  - (d) the redevelopment of the Margaret River Hospital?
- (2) has a tender process opened for any of the projects identified in (1) and if so:
  - (a) on what date did the tender open;
  - (b) what date will the tender close; and
  - (c) please table the relevant tender documents?
- (3) if a tender is yet to open for any of the projects identified in (1), what is the expected time-frame for the tender process?
- (4) when will the State Government deliver on their promise to provide these new or upgraded health facilities in regional WA?
- (5) please table the State Government's review into the Margaret River Hospital?



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- (1) I refer to the McGowan Labor Government's promise to redevelop or build new hospitals in Geraldton, Tom Price and Meekatharra and the WA Health Department review recommending upgrades to the Margaret River hospital and I ask, what is the status; budgeted amount; total expected cost; and expected completion date of the following projects:
- (a) the Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment;
  - (b) the replacement Tom Price Hospital;
  - (c) the new Meekatharra Health Service; and
  - (d) the redevelopment of the Margaret River Hospital?
- (2) has a tender process opened for any of the projects identified in (1) and if so:
- (a) on what date did the tender open;
  - (b) what date will the tender close; and
  - (c) please table the relevant tender documents?
- (3) if a tender is yet to open for any of the projects identified in (1), what is the expected time-frame for the tender process?
- (4) when will the State Government deliver on their promise to provide these new or upgraded health facilities in regional WA?
- (5) please table the State Government's review into the Margaret River Hospital?

**1175. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

- (1) I refer to question without notice 1142 asked by the Hon Wilson Tucker on 16 November 2022 regarding the Government's independent review into the COVID-19 response and I ask, when will this review commence?
- (2) who will undertake this review?
- (3) what are the terms of reference of this review?
- (4) what is the expected cost of this review?
- (5) when will this review be completed?
- (6) given the Premier has stated a review into COVID-19 would only be appropriate, and I quote, "once the pandemic is over" has the Government received health advice confirming the COVID-19 pandemic is over and if so, please table that advice.?

**1176. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the completed High Street upgrade from Stirling Highway to Carrington Street, noting the response to question on notice 263, and I ask for the Minister to provide:

- (a) the total number of large trees retained in the project area;
- (b) the total number of established tuart trees retained in the project area;

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- (c) the total number of new trees planted in the project area;
- (d) the total number of new large trees planted in the project area; and
- (e) and any plans to plant additional trees in the project area, and a timeline for completion of these plans?

**1177. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to Legislative Council question without notice 1302 in relation to presumptive Post Traumatic Stress Illness (PTSI) protections for emergency services personnel and I ask:

- (a) for each of the following years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, how many claims for Post Traumatic Stress Illness have been made by:
  - (i) DFES career personnel; and
  - (ii) DFES volunteers;
- (b) for each of the following years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, how many claims for Post Traumatic Stress Illness have been substantiated and approved by:
  - (i) DFES career personnel; and
  - (ii) DFES volunteers;
- (c) what has been the total value of PTSI claims for each of the following years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22;
- (d) who is DFES seeking advice from in relation to implementing PTSI presumption in Western Australia;
- (e) please table any advice received by DFES to date;
- (f) please table the most recent briefing note provided to the Minister for Emergency Services by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) in relation to PTSI presumption; and
- (g) how is DFES assessing the implementation of PTSI presumption in Western Australia?

**1178. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Industrial Relations:**

Has the circular to departments and authorities No 2 of 2001 relating to emergency service leave for public sector employees been revised and reissued and if so, please table.?

**1179. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) I refer to the after-action reviews conducted by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services following significant events and I ask, what is the status and expected completion date of the following after-action reviews:
  - (a) Tropical Cyclone Seroja 2021;
  - (b) Calgardup Bushfire Margaret River 2021;
  - (c) severe weather event February 2022 - concurrent Level 3 bushfire incidents; and

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- (d)     Spotlight Myaree structure fire?
- (2)     please table any completed after-action reviews identified in (1)?

**1180. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to Legislative Council question without notice 1285 in relation to the procurement of a second Large Air Tanker (LAT) for the southern bushfire season, and I ask:

- (a)     who made the verbal request to the Commonwealth for a second LAT and on what date was the request made;
- (b)     is it normal for the State Government to make such significant requests verbally;
- (c)     which Commonwealth official or representative received the request and has the request been determined;
- (d)     if the request has been determined on what date was a decision made, a response received and what was the response;
- (e)     what additional costs will the State Government incur if a second LAT is deployed to Western Australia;
- (f)     what will be the operating period and operating base for the second LAT if deployed to Western Australia; and
- (g)     what is the expected cost of the West Australian LAT announced in the last State Budget?

**1181. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Road Safety:**

- (1)     I refer to the request for information listed on the Tenders WA website regarding the Road Safety Camera Strategy and I ask, how many submissions were received?
- (2)     what is the current status of the Road Safety Camera Strategy?

**1182. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a)     have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b)     on what date was each purchase made;
- (c)     what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d)     what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1183. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Deputy Premier:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a)     have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b)     on what date was each purchase made;

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- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1184. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1185. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1186. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; Tourism; Commerce; Science:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1187. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1188. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;

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- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1189. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1190. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1191. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1192. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1193. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

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- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1194. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Racing and Gaming; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1195. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1196. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1197. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

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**1198. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1199. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services; Small Business; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1200. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action:**

I refer to each department, agency or government trading entity under your control, and I ask:

- (a) have state funds ever been used to procure hair straighteners or similar devices;
- (b) on what date was each purchase made;
- (c) what was the total value of each purchase; and
- (d) what was the intended use for the purchase of such items?

**1201. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) I refer to the shortage of Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) mechanical technicians, radio technicians and auto-electricians and I ask?
- (2) by full time employee (FTE) how many mechanical technicians were employed and how many positions were vacant as at:
  - (a) 1 December 2022;
  - (b) 1 January 2023; and
  - (c) 1 February 2023?
- (3) by FTE how many radio technicians were employed and how many positions were vacant as at:
  - (a) 1 December 2022;
  - (b) 1 January 2023; and
  - (c) 1 February 2023?

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- (4) by FTE how many auto-electricians were employed and how many positions were vacant as at:
- (a) 1 December 2022;
  - (b) 1 January 2023; and
  - (c) 1 February 2023?
- (5) will the \$250 per week attraction and retention payment be extended beyond 31 December 2022 and if so please provide details?
- (6) please detail any other incentives being provided by DFES to attract staff to these critical roles?

**1202. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) I refer to the State Government's commitment to deliver 10 new urban pumps by Christmas and I ask, where all 10 urban pumps delivered prior to 25 December 2022?
- (2) if no to (1) why not?
- (3) how many urban pumps have been delivered as of 1 February 2023?
- (4) please identify the stations and locations which have received these new urban pumps?

**1203. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) If refer to the impact on Career Fire and Rescue Stations due to un-serviceable urban pumps and I ask, as of 1 January 2023 how many urban pumps are allocated to career fire and rescue stations?
- (2) for the period of 1 January 2022 - 1 January 2023, on how many instances has an urban pump not been able to deployed and for what reason?
- (3) how many urban pumps were unavailable to be deployed at:
- (a) 1 December 2022;
  - (b) 1 January 2023; and
  - (c) 1 February 2023?

**1204. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Minister's responses to questions on notice 889 and 1081 and note that the Government does not appear to have up to date data regarding wetland loss in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) what steps are being taken to obtain up to date data on wetland loss in Western Australia to guide planning and decision making;
- (b) why has this data not been collected and updated regularly since Western Australia abandoned State of the Environment reporting in 2007;



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- (c) will the Minister request the Wetlands Coordinating Committee to prepare annual reports on the status of Western Australian wetlands to guide planning and decision making about conservation priorities and actions; and
- (d) if no to question (c), why not?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council