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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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- 3861. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 3929. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
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- 3996. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Treasurer

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- 4110. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
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4237. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Energy

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4254. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister Assisting the Treasurer

4257. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Housing

4259. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

4261. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

4262. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Treasurer

4263. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Housing

4281. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Housing

4282. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

4283. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

4284. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Housing

4285. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Commerce

4287. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

4288. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

4297. Mr T.G. Stephens to the State Development

4298. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Environment

4299. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

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4300. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Mental Health

4301. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

4302. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport

4303. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

4304. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

4306. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

4307. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

4311. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing

4312. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing

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- 4317. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
- 4319. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Water

Wednesday, 17 November 2010

- 4324. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 4325. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
- 4334. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education
- 4335. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education
- 4336. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

Thursday, 18 November 2010

- 4337. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4338. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4342. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4346. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4347. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 4349. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4352. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 4353. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer

Tuesday, 23 November 2010

- 4354. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development
- 4355. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development

Wednesday, 24 November 2010

- 4356. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development
- 4357. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development
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- 4359. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development
- 4360. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Mental Health
- 4361. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4365. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
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- 4370. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 4371. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4372. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General
- 4373. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
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- 4380. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
- 4381. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
- 4382. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
- 4383. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
- 4384. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
- 4386. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer
- 4387. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 4391. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Attorney General
- 4406. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General
- 4408. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
- 4409. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 4410. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
- 4414. Mr J.N. Hyde to the State Development
- 4415. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water
- 4416. Dr A.D. Buti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

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- 4423. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing
- 4425. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4426. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4430. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4434. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4437. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4440. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4441. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4442. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs

- 4445. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 4446. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4450. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4451. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 4453. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4456. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4457. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4458. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4462. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4466. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4469. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4472. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4473. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4478. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4482. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4485. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4488. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4489. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4490. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4494. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4498. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4501. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4504. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4505. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4510. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4514. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4515. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 4517. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4520. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4521. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4526. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services

- 4530. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4531. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 4533. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4536. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4537. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4538. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4542. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4546. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4549. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4552. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4553. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4554. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4558. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4562. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4563. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 4565. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4568. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4569. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4570. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4573. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 4574. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4578. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4579. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 4581. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 4584. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
- 4585. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 4586. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 4590. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 4594. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development
- 4595. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 4597. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health

4600. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing; Minister Assisting the Treasurer
4604. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Tuesday, 15 February 2011

4608. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
4609. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing
4610. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
4611. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
4612. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
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4616. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Energy
4617. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education
4618. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
4619. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Energy
4620. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Environment
4621. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
4622. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
4623. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
4624. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
4625. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing
4626. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
4627. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Water
4628. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
4629. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Transport
4630. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
4631. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Commerce
4632. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
4633. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
4634. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General
4635. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage
4636. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government
4637. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage
4638. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Housing
4639. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Planning

4640. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Energy
4641. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Lands
4642. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Treasurer
4643. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
4644. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
4645. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
4646. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment
4647. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Treasurer
4648. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General
4649. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
4650. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
4651. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
4652. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Health
4653. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Police
4654. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water
4655. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Health
4656. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
4657. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
4658. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Treasurer
4659. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
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4661. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
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4663. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage
4664. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health
4665. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government
4666. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

4667. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier

I refer to Lotterywest and its dealings with Palmer Holdings in Laverton in relation to an incident of misprinted tickets that occurred on Tuesday 4 November 2008, and I ask:

- (a) is the Premier satisfied that Lotterywest has done everything possible to resolve this matter to the satisfaction of all parties;



- (b) given that the employee in question notified Lotterywest of his error first thing the next morning, attempted to have Lotterywest cancel the tickets, and did not profit from the error, why did the State still pursue a criminal case against the employee;
- (c) why is Lotterywest demanding compensation from the Palmer family for their employee's mistake or offence; and
- (d) will the Premier undertake to fully investigate the matter and report to Parliament the results of that investigation; and
  - (i) if not, why not?

4668. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage

Given that the Minister continues to state that he would prefer the arson damaged, weather-open Guildford Hotel to be roofed, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that the owners were ordered by the City of Swan to remove the socks and banners from the Guildford Hotel late last year; and
  - (i) if so, is he also aware that the socks and banners were put in a pile on the site and set on fire on Australia Day, 26 January 2011;
- (b) does the Minister recognise the risk posed by the burning of the socks and banners in an area where high winds and unguarded sparks have led to damaging fires;
- (c) as the Minister has been alerted by letter recently that the hotel site and the hotel building is unsecured, does he acknowledge that the fire could have accidentally spread; and
- (d) what actions is the Minister taking to actually get this heritage building preserved and to ensure that demolition by neglect in other heritage buildings is arrested?

4669. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the degradation and closure of Tier Three rail lines in the State's Wheatbelt, and ask:

- (a) does the Minister have a plan for comprehensively upgrading and widening the roads directly affected by these rail closures; and
  - (i) if not, why not; and
  - (ii) if so, does the plan include road improvements in and around the main receival points, such as towns like Kellerberrin which will bear an added burden as a result of the extra grain that will be trucked there, and will the Minister table that plan;
- (b) has the Minister undertaken a comprehensive analysis of the effect of added road costs to local governments resulting from the rail closures; and
  - (i) if not, why not;
  - (ii) if so, will the Minister table that analysis and forward that analysis to the Wheatbelt local governments which have been forced to engage private consultancy Cardno to undertake such an analysis; and
  - (iii) if no to (b)(i) or (b)(ii), how does the Minister expect local government authorities in the Wheatbelt to adequately plan for increased road costs in the absence of reliable figures?

4670. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

- (1) For the 2009–2010 financial year, how many people bought, with the assistance of the first homebuyers' grant:
  - (a) houses worth \$500,000 – \$749,999;
  - (b) houses worth \$750,000 – \$999,999; and
  - (c) houses worth \$1 million?
- (2) What was the location of each of these houses?

4671. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education

- (1) Why were 'English Competent – Anglo Children' at Rostrata Primary School exempted from the English test but 'English Competent – Non Anglo Children' made to take the test?
- (2) Why is Rostrata Primary School using English competent non-ESL children to get Commonwealth ESL funding?
- (3) Can the Minister provide an explanation as to why 'English Competent – Non Anglo' children at the school were included on the ESL testing list when they did not meet the first criteria under the Commonwealth ESL 'New Arrivals' funding; that is, the requirement to be 'Newly Arrived Migrants', when, in fact, many of them were born in, and have only ever attended school in, Australia?

4672. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) Why were 'English Competent – Anglo Children' at Rostrata Primary School exempted from the English test but 'English Competent – Non Anglo Children' made to take the test?
- (2) Why is Rostrata Primary School using English competent non-ESL children to get Commonwealth ESL funding?
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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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