



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2022

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

Please provide general information about the uptake of the ServiceWA app, including:

- (a) the number of registered users;
- (b) the number of daily active users;
- (c) the average time between a user downloading the app, and successfully registering an account;
- (d) the number of users who have accessed their COVID-19 vaccination certificate;
- (e) the average time between a user registering an account, and successfully accessing their COVID-19 vaccination certificate;
- (f) the number of users who have used the 'check-in' feature; and
- (g) the number of users who have used the G2G feature?

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

Please provide general information about ServiceWA app support, including:

- (a) the total number of reported incidents/complaints;
- (b) the total number of troubleshooting cases; and
- (c) the total number of support tickets, including:
 - (i) the number of resolved tickets; and
 - (ii) the number of unresolved/ongoing tickets?

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

- (1) Who developed the ServiceWA app?
- (2) What agencies are responsible for the ServiceWA app?
- (3) What is the estimated cost of developing the ServiceWA app?
- (4) What service providers provide ongoing support for the ServiceWA app?
- (5) What is the estimated cost of ongoing support for the ServiceWA app?

548. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the Forest Products Commission's (FPC) management and regeneration of sandalwood and the FPC's ongoing target of establishing an annual cumulative average of 50,000 *Santalum spicatum* (native sandalwood) seedlings per year in the supply regions from which the FPC removes native sandalwood, and I ask:

- (a) over each of the past seven years, how many native sandalwood seedlings:

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- (i) were established;
- (ii) survived beyond one year; and
- (iii) survived beyond three years;
- (b) over each of the past five years, based on the amount of sandalwood produced by FPC and the average weight of sandalwood product per tree:
 - (i) how many live sandalwood trees were uprooted and removed by FPC contractors; and
 - (ii) what was the age range and distribution of the removed sandalwood trees;
- (c) has an independent audit been conducted of the regeneration of native sandalwood under FPC's 'Operation Woylie' program;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister table a copy of the audit;
- (e) if no to (c), why not;
- (f) given native sandalwood has been listed as a 'vulnerable' threatened species on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List, following reviews by two former senior Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' scientists, will the Minister immediately suspend FPC's commercial sandalwood removal operations in the wild and work with the Minister for Environment and key industry stakeholders to reform the industry so it complies with all requirements in relation to trading in a globally-listed threatened species;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) during each of the past five years, how many tonnes of sandalwood has the native sandalwood plantation sector in the Wheatbelt produced from both FPC and private plantations;
- (i) has the FPC produced the 'Transition to Plantations' strategy for native sandalwood that it told the Environmental Protection Agency in 2016 it would produce; and
- (j) if no to (i):
 - (i) why not; and
 - (ii) when will it be produced?

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

I refer to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' (DBCAs) commitment in 2016 to produce a biodiversity management program (BMP) for *Santalum spicatum* (native sandalwood), as provided for under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and recommended by the Environmental Protection Authority, which at that time the DBCA stated would take 'six to 12 months'. I additionally refer to question without notice No. 1151 asked of the then Minister for Environment in relation to the development of that program, and I ask:

- (a) has DBCA completed the sandalwood biodiversity management program;

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- (b) if no to (a), when will it be completed;
- (c) why has it taken DBCA over five years to produce the sandalwood biodiversity management program that it stated in 2016 would take 'six to 12 months' to develop;
- (d) given the recent listing of native sandalwood as a 'vulnerable' threatened species on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List, following reviews by two former senior DBCA scientists, will native sandalwood be listed as a threatened species under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*;
- (e) if no (d), why not;
- (f) given native sandalwood has now been listed as a 'vulnerable' threatened species on the IUCN Red List, will the Minister immediately suspend the Forest Products Commission's (FPC) annual sandalwood licence and work with the Minister for Forestry and key industry stakeholders to reform the industry so it complies with all requirements in relation to trading in a globally-listed threatened species;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) based on DBCA sandalwood licensing and production data, how many tonnes of sandalwood has the native sandalwood plantation sector in the Wheatbelt produced over each of the past five years from both FPC and private plantations;
- (i) given the EPA stated in 2016 that it supports the development of the 'Transition to Plantations' sandalwood strategy by FPC and that it should undergo stakeholder consultation prior to being published, has the 'Transition to Plantations' sandalwood strategy been completed; and
- (j) if no to (i):
 - (i) why not; and
 - (ii) when will it be completed?

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

- (1) I refer to question on notice 465 answered on 16 February 2022, regarding the Vaccination Strategic Coordination Group (VSCG), and I ask again:
 - (a) on what dates has the VSCG met since 15 December 2021; and
 - (b) please table any agendas, minutes, reports, or findings of the VSCG to date?
- (2) In reference to Tabled Paper 1063 in response to Question on Notice 465(d), please advise why only the agenda's of the VSCG were tabled, omitting the minutes, reports, and/or findings that were requested?

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551. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to voluntary assisted dying (VAD) in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) by region, how many medical practitioners and nurse practitioners are currently registered and trained to act as coordinating or consulting practitioners;
- (b) how many submission's of relevant forms to the VAD Board have been made that relate to the:
 - (i) first request;
 - (ii) first assessment;
 - (iii) consulting assessment;
 - (iv) final request; and
 - (v) prescription of substance and administration decision;
- (c) has the VAD Board provided any information to the Minister under section 118(b) of the Act and, if yes, will the Minister please provide details:
 - (i) I refer to Question on Notice 464 asked on 15 December 2021, confirming that the VAD Board has provided information to the Minister under section 118(b) of the Act and ask why the Minister did not table that information as requested; and
- (d) has the VAD Board made any referral under section 118(c) of the Act and, if yes, will the Minister please provide details?

552. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the Shire of Harvey's Town Planning Scheme 12 (TPS12), Lakewood Shores Golf Club Estate, Binningup Designated Community Open Space, and I ask:

- (a) what is the progress and status for the transfer of the Community Open Space (7 lots/parks) earmarked for ownership by the Community Association under TPS12;
- (b) what Ministerial or Departmental engagement has been undertaken or initiated to facilitate the transfer of the designated Community open space to the community association, as approved by Harvey Council on the 28 July 2020;
- (c) is the developer currently maintaining the earmarked community space; and
- (d) if no to (c), who is undertaking the required maintenance of the designated community open space and under what funding model?

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553. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the media statement issued on 9 February 2022 titled "RATS for domestic and international arrivals under new protocol", and I ask:

- (a) how many Rapid Antigen Tests have been secured for this program;
- (b) what is the total cost of this program; and
- (c) will Western Australians be provided with free rapid antigen tests in the same manner as international and interstate arrivals?

554. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

For each regional hospital operated by WA Country Health Service please provide the following for the months of November, December and January:

- (a) for each month, what was the total number of overtime hours worked by nursing staff;
- (b) for each month, what was the total number of agency nursing hours undertaken;
- (c) for each hospital, please identify the longest continuous shift undertaken between 1 November 2021 - 31 January 2022;
- (d) what is the approved FTE staffing level for nursing staff at each hospital;
- (e) what is the current FTE staffing level for nursing staff at each hospital;
- (f) what is the approved FTE staffing level for doctors at each hospital;
- (g) what is the current permanent FTE staffing level for doctors at each hospital; and
- (h) for each hospital, please provide a breakdown of the total number of resignations, by job title, each month?

555. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to reports from ABC Mid-West and Wheatbelt on 18 January 2021 regarding significant staffing shortages at Geraldton hospital's emergency department, and I ask:

- (a) for the month of December 2021, on how many days was the emergency department roster able to be filled;
- (b) for the month of January 2022, on how many days was the emergency department roster able to be filled;
- (c) is the Minister aware of any specific issues impacting recruitment at Geraldton Health Campus and, if so, please outline these issues;
- (d) what specific measures is the State Government undertaking to address staff shortages at Geraldton Health Campus; and
- (e) please table any correspondence from the WA Country Health Service in relation to staffing shortages at Geraldton Health Campus?

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