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- 2606. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
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- 2614. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 2617. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 2655. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
- 2662. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science
- 2666. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement

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- 2717. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
- 2766. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 2768. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 2769. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Fisheries
- 2771. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

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- 2797. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
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- 2848. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
- 2865. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
- 2867. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs
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- 2900. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement

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- 2927. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science
- 2931. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
- 2932. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 2937. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
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- 2948. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement

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- 2987. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science
- 2989. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth

- 2991. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
- 2997. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
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- 3022. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

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- 3030. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
- 3031. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts
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- 3035. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
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- 3040. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment
- 3041. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
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- 3044. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Disability Services
- 3045. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Tourism
- 3046. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Fisheries
- 3047. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Lands
- 3048. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Tourism
- 3049. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Planning
- 3050. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Lands
- 3051. Mr V.A. Catania to the Premier
- 3052. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Health
- 3053. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science
- 3054. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
- 3055. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth
- 3056. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
- 3057. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
- 3058. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- 3059. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs
- 3060. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation
- 3061. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Attorney General
- 3062. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts
- 3063. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
- 3064. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 3065. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Police; Road Safety
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- 3067. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 3068. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 3069. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations
- 3070. Mr W.R. Marmion to the Minister for Health
- 3071. Mr W.R. Marmion to the Minister for Planning
- 3072. Mr W.R. Marmion to the Minister for Planning
- 3073. Mr W.R. Marmion to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 3074. Mr W.R. Marmion to the Minister for Heritage
- 3075. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Energy
- 3076. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

- 3077. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Energy
- 3078. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Water
- 3079. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Planning
- 3080. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts

Questions listed for this sitting: -

3081. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the unauthorised use of a WA Government Purchasing Card amounting to \$7,116.80, as reported in the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Art Gallery of WA, and ask:

- (a) what was the value of each transaction which amounted to the \$7,116.80 total;
- (b) were all transactions undertaken by the same employee:
 - (i) if no to (b), how many different employees undertook the unauthorised transactions;
- (c) what were the position title/s of the employee/s;
- (d) is/are the employee/s who made the unauthorised transactions still working at the Art Gallery of WA;
- (e) what personal items were purchased; and
- (f) why was no referral made for disciplinary action?

3082. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

I refer to the Community Languages Program and ask, can the Minister please provide details of how much funding has been provided or allocated to which organisations in the 2017/18 financial year to date?

3083. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the Inquiry into the City of Perth, and your media release dated 24 April 2018, referring to investigating the operations and affairs of the City of Perth between October 1 2015 and March 1 2018 inclusive, and ask:

- (a) given the significance of this matter and the almost 2.5 year time period covered, why have you appointed a single person and not three person panel;
- (b) why has the inquiry period limited to 1 March 2018, when the council was suspended on 2 March 2018;
- (c) will you amend the terms of reference to be inclusive of 2 March 2018, if not, why not; and
- (d) why do the terms of reference provide scope for the Inquiry Panel to inquire into and report on matters that occurred before 1 October 2015, but not on 2 March 2018?

3084. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands:

Has the Royal Western Australian Historical Society contacted you with concerns regarding public access to Landgate records, and if yes:

- (a) on what date were you contacted;
- (b) have you responded to the Society's concerns, if so, will you table a copy of your response; and
- (c) have you met or do you intend to meet with the Society to discuss their concerns:
 - (i) on what date did you meet, or do you intend to meet with the Society;
 - (ii) who were the attendees at the meeting; and
 - (iii) will you table a copy of any: agenda, minutes, briefing notes, contemporaneous notes and/or documentation prepared or supplied for, or produced during the meeting?

3085. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

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3086. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

- (1) How many records are currently held by the State Records Office (SRO) which originated from Landgate (or its predecessor Departments)?

- (2) For each of the past five years, how many records have been transferred from Landgate to the SRO, to form part of the state archives collection?
- (3) Are you aware if Landgate has any outstanding records, which cannot be transferred to SRO due to storage limitation issues and if so, what is being done to rectify this matter?

3087. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands:

- (1) Are historical records held by Landgate State Archives pursuant to the *State Records Act 2000* (“Act”) and if not, why not?
- (2) Given that the spirit of the Act is to provide free public access to State archives, why does Landgate charge for access to historical records?
- (3) Will you commit to a review of these fees, with a view to remove the costs associated with inspecting historical records?
- (4) Will ensure that all digitised records of Landgate which are considered “State Archives” to be made available to search for free in the State Records Office search room?
- (5) Will you guarantee that prior to any sale of Landgate, that all historical records and state archives will be appropriately transferred to the State Records Office and if not, why not?

3088. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

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3089. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the Minister’s answer to part (f) of Question on Notice 2467, and ask:

- (a) given that you were able to provide the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs details of the number of informal complaints received by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (more than 200 since 2013), can you please provide a breakdown of how many informal complaints were received by the Department in each year since 2013; and
- (b) how many formal complaints were received by the Department in each year since 2013?

3090. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to your letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs dated 16 October 2017, which refer to more than 200 informal complaints about the City of Melville, and ask:

- (a) why have you based the information supplied to the Committee on informal complaints, when the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has a practice in place of merging and recording complaints about an issue into a single database entry; and
- (b) why have you relied on informal complaints, rather than formal complaints?

3091. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to your media statement, dated 29 November 2017, in relation to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries conducting an inquiry to explore whether there are underlying issues to the nearly 300 complaints against the City made to the Minister and the department since 2014, and ask:

- (a) how do these figures align with those supplied in Question on Notice 2467;
- (b) given that the Department routinely merges complaints about a single issue in its database, why does your media statement appear to refer to unmerged figures; and
- (c) please provide a list of every complaint referencing the date of complaint, the issue and final outcome?

3092. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the inquiry into the City of Melville, and ask:

- (a) can you please explain the difference between the nearly 300 complaints since 2014 referred to in your media statement of 29 November 2017 and the more than 200 informal complaints since 2013, referred to in your letter to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs dated 16 October 2017; and
- (b) please provide a list of all the complaints that were referenced in your media statement and letter to the Standing Committee?

3093. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to your media statement, dated 29 November 2017, in relation to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries conducting an inquiry to explore whether there are underlying issues to the nearly 300 complaints against the City made to the Minister and the department since 2014, and ask:

- (a) how many of the nearly 300 complaints were made to the Minister;
- (b) how many of the nearly 300 complaints were made to the Department; and
- (c) how many of the nearly 300 complaints were made to both the Minister and Department?

3094. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the Minister's answer to part (b) of Question On Notice No. 2467, and ask:

- (a) for each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, how many pieces of correspondence were referred to the Department for assessment and appropriate action, based on the belief that they contained a valid complaint;
- (b) how many of those pieces of correspondence, for each given year, were assessed by the Department as being a valid complaint; and
- (c) what was the issue raised in each complaint and what was the final outcome?

3095. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to regulation 7 of the Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations, and ask:

- (a) why is a worker restricted to taking long service leave in no more than three separate periods;
- (b) do you believe this restriction is appropriate and if not, when will you rectify this outdated provision; and
- (c) will you be reviewing this regulation, as part of the review of the *Local Government Act 1995*?

3096. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to HMAS Ovens, the submarine at the WA Maritime Museum, and ask:

- (a) when was the submarine first exhibited;
- (b) what maintenance and/or repairs have taken place since it was first exhibited;
- (c) when did the exhibition close for maintenance and repairs; and
- (d) have Museum staff met with the submarine volunteers to keep them advised about the timeline for the current repairs/maintenance, and if so, on what date/s did these meetings occur and on what date/s are any future briefings scheduled?

3097. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs:

- (1) Does the Department of Finance and/or Office of State Revenue (OSR) have access to data-matching or other information, to confirm if individuals are eligible for concessions, such as pensioner discounts:
 - (a) if yes, what source information does the Department of Finance and/or OSR have access to; and
 - (b) will the Minister list:
 - (i) all concessions, rebates, discounts or otherwise which undergo a verification process via the Department of Finance and/or OSR; and
 - (ii) all departments, agencies or other entities who refer or seek confirmation of concessions or other rebates to the Department of Finance and/or OSR?
- (2) Has there been a change in policy regarding the need to review registrations, under section 36 of the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992* ("Act"):
 - (a) since 17 March 2017, has any correspondence been sent out to departments, agencies, administrative authorities or otherwise regarding section 36 of the Act and if so, will you table a copy;
 - (b) which department, agency or otherwise maintain records of when review registrations are completed; and
 - (c) are there any penalties or otherwise for an administrative authority who fails to review registrations every three years?
- (3) Will the Minister list the dates on which the three most recent registration reviews, pursuant to section 36 of the Act, were conducted by:
 - (a) the City of Stirling;
 - (b) the City of Canning;
 - (c) the City of Wanneroo; and
 - (d) the City of Perth?
- (4) If the Department of Finance and/or OSR has the capacity to data-match information and confirm the eligibility of concession holders, why are Local Governments and other administrative authorities required to review registrations pursuant to section 36 of the Act?

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
