



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2022**

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- 572. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 577. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands
- 581. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 584. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 589. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 590. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 600. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 608. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government
- 614. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Industrial Relations
- 616. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 16 March 2022**

- 625. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 22 March 2022**

- 637. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
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640. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
641. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action

**Notice Given**                    **Thursday, 24 March 2022**

642. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
643. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy
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648. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

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655. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment
656. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
658. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

**Notice Given**                    **Wednesday, 6 April 2022**

664. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment
679. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
681. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing
682. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
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**Notice Given**                    **Thursday, 7 April 2022**

685. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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**703. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health:**

- (1) How many persons aged under 18 have died from suicide in the Kimberley each year since 2018, broken down by town and age?
- (2) How many of those persons in (1) were Aboriginals, broken down by year, town and age?
- (3) If the Minister is unable to answer (1) or (2), why not?
- (4) How, what and when is the Minister informed of youth suicides in the Kimberley?
- (5) Does the Government have any plan to deal with youth suicide rates in the Kimberley?
- (6) If yes to (5), will the Minister table this plan?

**704. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**

- (1) How many persons aged under 18 were charged with an offence in the Kimberley during each year since 2018, broken down by age and town?
- (2) How many of those persons in (1) are Aboriginal, broken down by age and town?

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

- (1) How many persons aged under 18 from the Kimberley are currently detained or imprisoned broken down by town of residence, age, and prison or detention facility?
- (2) How many of those persons in (1) are Aboriginal, broken down by town of residence, age, and prison or detention facility?

**706. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mental Health:**

- (1) I refer to Mother Baby Units which provide specialist perinatal support and treatment services, and I ask in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 (to date), what was the total number of referrals made to the Mother Baby Units at the following public hospitals:
  - (a) King Edward Memorial Hospital; and
  - (b) Fiona Stanley Hospital?
- (2) Of the referrals referenced in (1)(a-b), please advise:
  - (a) how many were external referrals for patients living outside of the Unit's catchment area;
  - (b) how many referrals resulted in a patient's admission to the Mother Baby Unit; and
  - (c) the average length of stay for admitted patients?

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I refer to Mother Baby Units which provide specialist perinatal support and treatment services, and I ask will the Minister provide a staffing breakdown, by headcount and FTE, of the number of clinicians currently employed within the Mother Baby Unit at King Edward Memorial Hospital in the following years:

- (a) 2020;
- (b) 2021; and
- (c) 2022 (current)?

**708. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to Mother Baby Units which provide specialist perinatal support and treatment services, and I ask will the Minister provide a staffing breakdown, by headcount and FTE, of the number of clinicians currently employed within the Mother Baby Unit at Fiona Stanley Hospital in the following years:

- (a) 2020;
- (b) 2021; and
- (c) 2022 (current)?

**709. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Youth:**

- (1) I refer to the press statement by the Police Minister titled, "Operation Regional Shield to crack down on Kimberley youth crime" (16 February 2022) which states "The police operation is one part of a comprehensive cross-Government response being rolled out in the region over coming weeks and will include further initiatives from the Department of Justice and Department of Communities to support at-risk youth", and I ask will the Minister provide more detail with respect to the further initiatives that will be rolled out by the Department of Communities to support at-risk youth as part of this Operation?
- (2) Have these initiatives already commenced?
- (3) If yes to (2), when did they commence?
- (4) If no to (2), when are the initiatives anticipated to be delivered?

**710. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to my question without notice No. 970 asked on 16 November 2021 on the Laporte Jetty in Australind, and noting the Minister for Water's media release of 14 December 2021 announcing \$3 million in funding to rebuild the jetty, I ask:

- (a) if the Laporte structural assessment has been completed, will the Minister table the report and, if not, why not;

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- (b) has a contract been awarded for the rebuilding of the jetty and, if so, when and to whom;
- (c) if no to (b), when will a contract be awarded;
- (d) has work started on the rebuilding of the jetty;
- (e) if no to (d), when will rebuilding start; and
- (f) when is the rebuilding of the jetty expected to be completed?

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

- (1) When was the last occasion that a State Government nominated Western Australian wetlands for listing under the Ramsar Convention on wetlands of international importance?
- (2) How many Western Australian wetlands are now listed and when were they first listed?
- (3) How many Australian wetlands are listed under the Ramsar Convention?
- (4) Has the Government sought advice from wetland scientists about how many Western Australian wetlands might be eligible for Ramsar listing:
  - (a) if yes to (4), how many wetlands were recommended; and
  - (b) if no to (4), why not?
- (5) Why have the tributaries of the Lower Blackwood not been nominated for Ramsar listing?
- (6) Why has Lake MacLeod not been nominated for Ramsar listing?
- (7) Does the Government still intend to proceed with the nomination of the Fortescue Marsh:
  - (a) if yes to (7), what is the time frame; and
  - (b) if no to (7), why not?
- (8) Are any other Western Australian wetlands currently being considered for Ramsar listing in this term of Government:
  - (a) if no to (8), why not; and
  - (b) if yes to (8), which wetlands?

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

I refer to statements made by the Premier, indicating the State of Emergency is likely to continue beyond July. I also refer to the State Government's announced spending on tourism as part of the \$185m 'Reconnect WA package', and I ask for an explanation on how the promotion of tourism, with interstate and international visitors, is not contrary to the conditions required under section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*?

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

- (1) Given the recent easing of level 2 COVID-19 restrictions, when can the Western Australian public expect that vaccine requirements and proof of vaccine requirements will be eased?
- (2) If a date cannot be provided, under what conditions will such restrictions be eased?

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**Questions Asked Today****Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 10 May 2022****714. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) Given the recent easing of level 2 COVID-19 restrictions, when can the Western Australian public expect that vaccine requirements and proof of vaccine requirements will be eased?
- (2) If a date cannot be provided, under what conditions will such restrictions be eased?

**715. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Regional Development:**

- (1) Will the Minister please identify projects planned or underway to improve digital connectivity in Gascoyne Junction?
- (2) In the absence of reliable fixed and cellular/mobile network access, does the Government provide incentives for regional residents to connect to satellite networks, such as Starlink?

**716. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the oversight of home-schooled or home-educated students by the Department of Education in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) was there a call for applications to be appointed as a Home Education Moderator for the South West region in 2021;
- (b) if yes (a), when was it made and by whom;
- (c) if yes to (a), was a selection panel formed and, if so, who was appointed to the selection panel;
- (d) did the selection panel deliver a report, and will the Minister table that report;
- (e) if yes to (a), how many applications were received, how many of those applications met the selection criteria, and how many Home Education Moderators were appointed;
- (f) were Home Education Moderators appointed under this process given specific jobs or appointed to a pool;
- (g) was the selection process called in 2021 put on hold and, if so, why; and
- (h) have any full-time Home Education Moderators been appointed to the South West since the call was made in 2021 and, if so, how many and under what circumstances were they appointed?

**717. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Volunteering:**

I refer to both the previous and current funding model for volunteer services across Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) does Volunteer WA now receive all the State funding for volunteer services organisations in the State;
- (b) if no to (a), how is the funding currently distributed;
- (c) how has the funding of volunteer service organisations changed over the last five years, and were regional volunteer services organisations previously directly funded;

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- (d) what has been the budget of Volunteer WA each year for each of the last five financial years, including 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22;
- (e) what has been the total staff FTE of Volunteer WA each year for each of the last five financial years, including 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, and what is its current FTE staffing level; and
- (f) for each of the the regional volunteer services organisations based in Albany, Bunbury, Esperance and Peel:
  - (i) what was the level of state funding each received for each of the last five financial years, including 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22; and
  - (ii) what has been the total staff FTE each had for the last five financial years, including 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, and what is their current FTE staffing level?

**718. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Government's COVID rules for attendance at hospitals, which require visitors to be vaccinated and masked, and I ask in relation to cancer support units:

- (a) are volunteers at cancer support units required to be vaccinated and to what level;
- (b) are volunteers at cancer support units required to wear masks;
- (c) are volunteers from cancer support units required to be vaccinated or wear masks if engaged in outreach at people's homes; and
- (d) are visitors to cancer support units required to be vaccinated or wear masks and, if so, to what extent?

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

- (1) When was the current Perth Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) introduced?
- (2) Was this AQMP reviewed in 2007?
- (3) Has the Perth AQMP been updated in line with recommendations in the 2007 review:
  - (a) if yes to (3), when; and
  - (b) if no to (3), why not?
- (4) Does the Government plan to extend the Perth AQMP to the Peel Region in the near future:
  - (a) if yes to (4), when; and
  - (b) if no to (4), why not?
- (5) Is the Government aware that there are serious air quality issues in the Collie, Bunbury, Busselton airshed associated with elevated levels of fine particles in the air?



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- (6) In regard to (5), is the Government planning to develop an air quality management plan for the Bunbury, Collie, Busselton airshed:
- (a) if yes to (6), when; and
- (b) if no to (6), why not?
- (7) Does the Government intend to extend the application of the National Environmental Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure to regional centres such as Bunbury and Port Hedland that have emerging air quality problems?

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

I refer to the National Environmental Protection (Air Toxics) Measure (NEPM), which came into force on 20 December 2004:

- (a) has the State Government implemented this measure in full:
- (i) if yes to (a), when; and
- (ii) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) how regularly does the Government measure the levels of the six air toxic substances specified in Schedule 1 of this NEPM;
- (c) at what locations are these air toxics measured;
- (d) does the Government own the necessary equipment needed to measure these air toxics as specified in Schedule 3 of the NEPM;
- (e) does the Government comply with the reporting requirements specified in Schedule 4 of this NEPM:
- (i) if yes to (e), where may the public obtain copies of these reports; and
- (ii) if no to (e), why not; and
- (f) is the Minister aware of any exceedances of the monitoring investigation levels for any of the air toxics listed in Schedule 1 of this NEPM:
- (i) if yes to (f), which air toxics are involved and which locations?

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

I refer to the Minister for Environment's response on 9 December 2021 to question on notice 369, in which it is stated that the Threatened Ecological Communities Scientific Committee met eight times between 13 February 2018 and 10 June 2021, but "The Threatened Ecological Communities Scientific Committee has not considered formal nominations for assessment, so has not provided advice for the listing of threatened ecological communities under the Biodiversity Conservation Act to the Minister", and I ask:

- (a) does the Minister acknowledge that two of the functions of the Threatened Ecological Communities Committee is to provide advice to the Minister on the listings of threatened and collapsed ecological committees, and to provide advice

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to the Director General of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in respect to research and management needs:

- (i) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) will the Minister provide copies of records or minutes of the eight meetings between February 2018 to June 2021:
  - (i) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) has the Threatened Ecological Communities Scientific Committee provided any correspondence to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions between 1 January 2016 to 8 March 2022, and on what dates, and/or to the Minister for Environment between 1 January 2016 to 8 March 2022, and on what dates:
  - (i) if yes to (c), will the Minister table this correspondence; and
  - (ii) if no to (c)(i), why not;
- (d) has the Director General of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions corresponded with the Threatened Ecological Communities Scientific Committee between 1 July 2016 to 8 March 2022:
  - (i) if yes to (d), will the Minister table copies of this correspondence; and
  - (ii) if no to (d)(i), why not; and
- (e) has the Executive Director of Science and Conservation in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions corresponded with the Threatened Ecological Communities Scientific Committee between 1 July 2016 to 8 March 2022:
  - (i) if yes to (e), will the Minister table copies of this correspondence; and
  - (ii) if no to (e)(i), why not?

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

I refer to the Minister for Environment's response on 15 February 2022 to question on notice 455, in which the Minister has not addressed the question about why Threatened Ecological Communities or Collapsed Ecological Communities have not been listed under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, and the Minister has stated that Ministerial Guidelines were not finalised until 2021, and I ask:

- (a) given that Ministerial Guidelines for Threatened Ecological Communities have been published by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions dated 17 April 2019, and the Threatened Ecological Communities Scientific Committee has met eight times since February 2018 to June 2021, and the Minister for Environment endorsed 65 threatened ecological communities on 28 June 2018, why have no threatened or collapsed ecological communities been listed under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*;

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- (b) does this Minister consider that the 65 threatened ecological communities listed on the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions website, and endorsed by the Minister for Environment on 28 June 2018 have legal protection under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*:
- (i) if yes to (b), why is this the case; and
- (ii) if no to (b), why do threatened ecological communities remain legally unprotected under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*; and
- (c) can the Minister explain why Ministerial Guidelines 2 Threatened and Extinct Species Listing Procedures and Criteria under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* are published on the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions website, dated 21 December 2018 yet there have been no orders to amend or update lists since 2018:
- (i) if no to (c), why not?

**723. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the availability of Government worker accommodation in the Kimberley, and I ask, what is the cost of private rental subsidies for eligible public servants for the following financial years:

- (a) 2019-2020;
- (b) 2020-2021; and
- (c) 2021-2022 (to date)?

**724. Hon Neil Thomson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to the availability of Government worker accommodation in the Kimberley, and I ask, what is the cost of private rental subsidies for eligible public servants for the following financial years:

- (a) 2019-2020;
- (b) 2020-2021; and
- (c) 2021-2022 (to date)?

**725. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the availability of Government worker accommodation in the Kimberley, and I ask, what is the cost of private rental subsidies for eligible public servants for the following financial years:

- (a) 2019-2020;
- (b) 2020-2021; and
- (c) 2021-2022 (to date)?

**726. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the availability of Government worker accommodation in the Kimberley, and I ask, what is the cost of private rental subsidies for eligible public servants for the following financial years:

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- (a) 2019-2020;
- (b) 2020-2021; and
- (c) 2021-2022 (to date)?

**727. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:**

I refer to the availability of Government worker accommodation in the Kimberley, and I ask, what is the cost of private rental subsidies for eligible public servants for the following financial years:

- (a) 2019-2020;
- (b) 2020-2021; and
- (c) 2021-2022 (to date)?

**728. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the *Criminal Code Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020*, and I ask, since assent of the Bill to 10 May 2022, how many people have been fined under this provision?

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

I refer to pages 23 and 24 of the *2020-21 Annual Report of the Statement Emergency Management Committee (SEMC)* which states, "DFES provided analysis of the use of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* and the *Public Health Act 2016* to assist with the management of the COVID-19 response, 7 May 2021", and I ask:

- (a) please identify the person or persons who provided the advice to SEMC;
- (b) please table the advice provided by DFES to the SEMC in relation to this matter; and
- (c) noting the Annual Report's reference that the SEMC is monitoring the use of the powers under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, please table any relevant report, advice or document in regard to this?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council