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953. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Are there designated routes for the bulk transport of ammonium nitrate in:
 - (a) the metropolitan area; and
 - (b) regional areas?
- (2) What are the reporting requirements when a truck carrying ammonium nitrate is involved in an incident, be that a fire or traffic accident?
- (3) How many incidents (fire or traffic accident) have there been involving trucks carting ammonium nitrate in:
 - (a) 2020;
 - (b) 2021;
 - (c) 2022; and
 - (d) 2023?

954. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Minister's media statement, "Innovative Aboriginal led service helping older hospital patients return to their communities" of 18 February 2022, and I ask:

- (a) Are all of the five Transitional Care Program partnerships with Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS) announced in the release currently operating;
- (b) If yes, where are they located.;
- (c) How many individuals, by program partnership location, have been transitioned to community care through the program.;
- (d) What are the ages of the individuals helped back to community care by the program;
- (e) Were any individuals readmitted to hospital after transitioning back to community care; and
- (f) Did any individuals helped back to community care by the program pass away within 1 month of returning to community care?

955. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the 49th Australian Labor Party National Conference held in August 2023, and I ask:

- (a) Did any members of the Premier's Office attend the conference:
 - (i) If yes, how many staff; and
 - (ii) If yes, did the staff attending take any form of leave?

956. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the resignation of the Hon Bill Johnston MLA as a Minister on 8 December 2023 and the consequential financial impact of departed or departing term-of-government ministerial staff, and I ask:

- (a) What was the total cost of all gross termination payments and accrued leave entitlements to ministerial staff as a result of the resignation; and
- (b) What was the value of each individual payout?

957. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the recent ministerial reshuffle and the subsequent swearing-in of Ministers on 8 December 2023 and the consequential financial impact of departed or departing term-of-government ministerial staff, and I ask:

- (a) What was the total cost of all gross termination payments and accrued leave entitlements to ministerial staff as a result of the reshuffle:
 - (i) Broken down by ministerial office; and
- (b) What was the value of each individual payout:
 - (i) Broken down by ministerial office?

958. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the social media video posted by Senator Glenn Sterle on 11 December 2023 featuring Premier Roger Cook behind the wheel of a 'triple road train' driving across the new Fitzroy River bridge, and I ask:

- (a) At the time the video was taken on 10 December 2023, did the Premier hold a Heavy Rigid or Heavy Combination licence; and
- (b) At the time the video was taken on 10 December 2023, did the Premier hold a Multi Combination (MC) licence?

959. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the National Cabinet meeting held in Canberra on 6 December 2023, and I ask:

- (a) Did the Premier fly business class to Canberra;
- (b) Did the Premier fly business class to Perth;
- (c) How many of the Premier's Office accompanied the Premier to Canberra for National Cabinet:
 - (i) Please breakdown by position;
- (d) Did any of the Premier's staff fly business class to Canberra;
- (e) Did any of the Premier's staff fly business class to Perth; and
- (f) Did the Premier attend any other event other than National Cabinet whilst in Canberra:
 - (i) If so, what event(s)?

960. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the WA Government's media statement titled 'Cook Government delivers fair and transparent electoral system' and the Premier's comment that "We made a commitment to ensure transparency, integrity, and accountability in the political process and we have delivered.", and I ask:

- (a) In the interest of transparency, integrity and accountability in the political process, will you consider implementing a ministerial diary disclosure system similar to that of New South Wales:
 - (i) If not, why not?

961. Ms L. Mettam to the Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations:

I refer to the article "WA's Agent General and Trade Commissioners return to Perth" posted on November 23, 2023 on the WA State Government website investandtrade.wa.gov.au/news-events/news which states "Western Australia's Agent General and Trade and Investment Commissioners are back in Perth for the first time since they were first deployed overseas in 2021.", and I ask:

- (a) Can you confirm, as stated in the article, that this was in fact the first return to Perth for the Agent General and the Commissioners since their deployment in 2021;
- (b) If the Agent General or Commissioners have returned to Western Australia at other times since their deployment in 2021, what are the dates and duration of those trips; and

- (c) How many days have the Agent General and each Commissioner spent in Western Australia since they were first deployed overseas?

962. Ms L. Mettam to the Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations:

I refer to Invest and Trade Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) How many overseas offices are currently being maintained for the overseas operations of Invest and Trade Western Australia;
- (b) How long has each office been operational;
- (c) Have any offices been closed; and
- (d) List, by office, the total cost of operating each office since its establishment until 31 December 2023?

963. Ms L. Mettam to the Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations:

I refer to Invest and Trade Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) Does the Government fund overseas residential accommodation for WA's Agent General and Trade Commissioners;
- (b) If yes to (a):
 - (i) In which cities is the Government funding accommodation;
 - (ii) By location, what is the type of accommodation the Government funding (ie hotel, apartment, house); and
 - (iii) By location, what is the total cost to government of each funded residential accommodation up to 31 December 2023;
- (c) If no to (a):
 - (i) Is an allowance for accommodation expenses included in the salary packages of the Agent General and Trade Commissioners' salaries; and
 - (ii) By employee, what is the total cost of the accommodation allowances paid to the Agent General and Trade Commissioners; and
- (d) What is the total annual salary and allowances package for the Agent General and each of the Trade Commissioners?

964. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) In reference to Practical Driving Assessments (PDA), please provide the following, for each site, for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023:
 - (a) Failure rates shown as a %; and
 - (b) Number of driving assessors per site shown as Full Time Equivalents (FTE)?
- (2) For the driver assessor recruitment drive please provide by site the number of applications received and number of assessors employed and or contracted shown as FTE for:
 - (a) July 2023; and
 - (b) December 2023?

965. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to The Summer of Free Public Transport SmartRider initiative media statement on 15 December, that started on 24 December 2023, and I ask:

- (a) what was the total number of SmartRiders distributed to each Member of Parliament;
- (b) when were they distributed to each Member of Parliament and how;

- (c) how many were activated; and
- (d) what was the total cost?

966. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) With reference to a meeting the Minister for Transport had with the rail industry in November 2023, please detail the outcomes of this meeting?
- (2) What progress has been made on Main Roads' grant application under the Regional Australia Level Crossing Safety Program to trial an active level crossing control relying on radio communications between the crossing controls and in-track detection?

967. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

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