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- 8348. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism
- 8404. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

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- 8488. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands

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- 8521. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
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8667. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Police; Road Safety
8668. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Corrective Services

Wednesday, 12 September 2012

8669. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning
8670. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries
8671. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
8672. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Transport
8673. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister representing the Minister for Education

Thursday, 13 September 2012

8674. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water
8678. Mr J.J.M. Bowler to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
8679. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

Tuesday, 18 September 2012

8680. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Environment
8681. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Transport
8682. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Police
8683. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Treasurer

- 8684. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Treasurer
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Wednesday, 19 September 2012

- 8687. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water
- 8688. Ms A.S. Carles to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 8689. Ms A.S. Carles to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Services
- 8690. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Police
- 8691. Ms A.S. Carles to the Premier
- 8692. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning
- 8693. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 8694. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Environment
- 8695. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier
- 8696. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 8697. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism
- 8698. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 8699. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development
- 8700. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Emergency Services
- 8701. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business
- 8702. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation
- 8703. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming
- 8704. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Education; Energy; Indigenous Affairs
- 8705. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth
- 8706. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 8707. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Housing
- 8708. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Environment; Water
- 8709. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services
- 8710. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Attorney General
- 8711. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 8712. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Corrective Services

Thursday, 20 September 2012

- 8713. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Transport
- 8714. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 8715. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 8716. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

- 8717. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 8718. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 8719. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Transport
- 8720. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Tourism
- 8721. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 8722. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development
- 8723. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning
- 8724. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 8725. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Transport
- 8726. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Wednesday, 26 September 2012

- 8727. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 8728. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
- 8729. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
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- 8738. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government
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- 8740. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier
- 8741. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Water
- 8742. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Attorney General
- 8743. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Treasurer
- 8744. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance
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Thursday, 27 September 2012

8801. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health  
8802. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage  
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8858. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

8859. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With the loss this week in the Pilbara of the Punmu Aboriginal Community Office in a fire caused by an electrical fault, what steps will the Minister take to ensure that a functioning transportable office is located at the community as soon as possible?

8860. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing

In relation to the housing developments owned by the Department of Housing on Chesterfield Street in Mirrabooka, built as part of Stage 2 of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Package, I ask:

- (a) how many units were to be developed in this project;
- (b) how many units have been completed;
- (c) how many of these units are allocated for Department of Housing waitlisted tenants;
- (d) how many units have been allocated to community housing programs or organisations;
- (e) how many units are allocated for sale;
- (f) how many units have been sold;

- (g) were the units sold under the National Rental Assistance Scheme; and
- (h) if not, what scheme were they sold under and who received the proceeds from their sale?

8861.Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Oil Energy Corporation (OEC) waste incinerator at 20 Schillaman Street, Wedgefield, Western Australia, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that the OEC was served with an Environmental Protection Notice by the Department of Environment (DEC) and Conservation on 8 November 2010, and if yes, can the Minister please provide details as to why this notice was served;
- (b) did the OEC incinerator release any emissions which were considered to be pollution, and if yes, what specific contaminants were released through the incinerator stack that were considered to be pollutants and at what concentration were they released;
- (c) did DEC identify that the OEC incinerator was being used to burn materials that were not permitted on the conditions of their licence 6789/1994/13, and if yes, what materials were being incinerated outside of their licence;
- (d) does the OEC incinerator have monitoring equipment to ensure that emissions released from the incinerator comply with the emissions limits of their prescribed premises licence, and:
  - (i) if yes, has the monitoring data reported that the OEC incinerator has always been compliant with its emissions limits; and
  - (ii) if no, why not; and
- (e) have any further enforcement notices been issued to the OEC incinerator operators since November 8 2010, and if yes, can the Minister please provide details?

8862.Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Can the Minister explain why the Oil Energy Corporation (OEC) incinerator at 20 Schillaman Street, Wedgefield, is not currently required to monitor for dioxin emissions when the SITA Medi-Collect biomedical incinerator in Welshpool must meet stringent dioxin emission limits, and if not, why not?
- (2) Has the OEC incinerator ever been required by the Department of Environment and Conservation to monitor for dioxin emissions, and if yes, can the Minister please table the results of the dioxin monitoring including the dates when monitoring was conducted?
- (3) Was the OEC incinerator monitored for dioxin emissions during trial burning of perchlorate, halogenated wastes and pesticide wastes between 2001 and 2003, and if yes, can the Minister please table the dioxin monitoring results for this period and if no, why not?
- (4) Is the OEC incinerator currently permitted to burn drilling mud waste contaminated with drilling fluids from the oil and gas industry, and if yes, what volume of these wastes has been burned in the period 2010–2012?

- (5) If contaminated drilling muds are burnt at the OEC site are they screened for radioactivity, and have any consignments been rejected for incineration due to elevated radioactivity?
- (6) Is the ash from burning wastes in the OEC fed back into the incinerator as a bulking agent for liquid wastes?
- (7) Is the ash tested for dioxin levels before final disposal, and if yes, can the Minister please table the dioxin monitoring results for the ash, and if not, why not?
- (8) At what location does the final disposal of the incinerator ash take place?

8863.Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Australia is a signatory to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the Stockholm Convention recognises waste incinerators as a significant source of 'dioxin' or PCDD (polychlorinated dibenzo dioxin) emissions around the world?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that dioxin is considered one of the most toxic substances ever evaluated by science?
- (4) Will the Minister confirm that the Oil Energy Corporation (OEC) incinerator at 20 Schillaman Street, Wedgefield, burns controlled wastes such as solvents, oil, drilling fluids, paint and grease?
- (5) Will the Minister explain why the OEC incinerator has no requirement in its prescribed premises licence to monitor for dioxin emissions or meet dioxin emission limits despite being a known source of dioxins, and if not, why not?
- (6) Can the Minister explain why the word dioxin or any of its associated nomenclature does not appear in the current OEC incinerator licence, and if yes, can the Minister please provide details?

8864.Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Oil Energy Corporation (OEC) waste incinerator at 20 Schillaman Street, Wedgefield, Western Australia, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister please table the groundwater monitoring data results for the years 2010–2012 for MW 1 through to MW 15 which are required under prescribed premises licence no L6789/1994/13, and if not, why not;
- (b) can the Minister confirm whether contamination of the groundwater beneath the OEC incinerator has occurred as a result of the activities on the OEC site, and if not why not; and
- (c) can the Minister confirm whether groundwater contamination beneath the OEC incinerator has spread beyond the OEC property boundary, and if yes, can the Minister please provide details?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**  
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