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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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7611. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

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7655. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Housing

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7699. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

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 7754. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism  
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 7761. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming  
 7771. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Housing

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7775. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Regional Development  
 7776. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning  
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 7787. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Police  
 7788. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health  
 7789. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health  
 7790. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy  
 7791. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development  
 7792. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs  
 7793. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier; Minister for State Development  
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 7796. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development  
 7797. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer; Attorney General

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7886. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage  
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7888. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water  
7889. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce  
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7891. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance  
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7900. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Health  
7901. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Transport  
7902. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Water  
7903. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

**Questions listed for this sitting: –**

7904. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government

In relation to the Minister's decision to ensure that those who default on local government rates and services pay only minimal interest penalties, I ask:

- (a) on what economic basis did the Minister and the Department determine that 7% is an appropriate penalty interest level for overdue rates;
- (b) in making this decision, did the Minister consult with any other department or agency regarding penalty rates in those departments; and
- (c) did the Minister state on 6PR radio that 7% is a more realistic figure because people in Western Australia are doing it tough and that he did not want local governments to be making money from people's hardships?

7905. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Education

I refer to the allocation of school support officer staffing at Warwick Senior High School, and I ask:

- (a) how many school support staff were allocated for 2011;
- (b) how many school support staff are allocated for 2012;
- (c) what formula or criteria is used to determine the number of support staff;
- (d) does the formula or criteria change for schools which have a large component of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses and, if not, why not, given that schools with a larger component of VET courses require additional clerical resources; and
- (e) what measures have been put in place to ensure that schools such as Warwick Senior High School are not forced to service the needs of the school without having to subsidise clerical support from its reserve funds?

7906. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Attorney General

- (1) How many Orders have been made by the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) for the appointment of a guardian for an adult person in each month since the commencement of operation of the SAT?
- (2) How many of the Orders made by the SAT for the appointment of a guardian for an adult person, in each month since the commencement of operation of the SAT, were for a person under the care of a hospital or registered aged care facility?
- (3) For each month since the commencement of the operation of the SAT, where an Order was made for the appointment of a guardian for an adult person, in how many hearings did the person who was the subject of the Order have a family member or their representative present?

7907. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water

- (1) How much desalinated water has the Kwinana Seawater Desalination Plant produced each month since it commenced operation?
- (2) Has the desalination plant been closed, or the level of production reduced, due to conditions set in the environmental licence under which it operates; and
  - (a) if so, what were the dates; and
  - (b) if so, what was the effect on production of operational decisions required by the licence conditions?

7908. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water

- (1) How much desalinated water has the Southern Seawater Desalination Plant near Binningup produced each month since it commenced operation?

- (2) Has the desalination plant been closed, or the level of production reduced, due to conditions set in the environmental licence under which it operates; and
- (a) if so, what were the dates; and
  - (b) if so, what was the effect on production of operational decisions required by the licence conditions?

7909. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Health

In relation to the Western Australian Health Department's Language Services Policy, I ask the Minister:

- (a) what steps have been taken by the Department to ensure that the concept of 'informed consent' is incorporated into the Department's Language Services Policy;
- (b) did the Department develop performance indicators relating to the Language Services Policy and, if so, what are the performance indicators and will the Minister make them available for comment from the public and relevant stakeholders in the community sector; and
- (c) when will the Language Services Policy be fully implemented and fully operational?

7910. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

In relation to the Office of Multicultural Interest's Language Services Policy 2008, I ask the Minister:

- (a) how many Government departments, agencies and instrumentalities have adopted the Language Services Policy 2008;
- (b) to identify and name the Government departments, agencies and instrumentalities which have adopted the Language Services Policy 2008; and
- (c) what support (if any) is the Office providing, in terms of professional development and training, to assist Government departments, agencies and instrumentalities to adopt the Language Services Policy 2008?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**  
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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