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- 5296. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs
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- 5306. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy
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- 5312. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Finance
- 5315. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
- 5321. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
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- 5341. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education
- 5342. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Water
- 5343. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 5346. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education
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- 5351. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing
- 5353. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

Thursday, 19 May 2011

- 5354. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Tuesday, 24 May 2011

- 5356. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 5357. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism
- 5358. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
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- 5627. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 5628. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing
- 5629. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5630. Mr M.P. Whitely to the Minister for Transport

Thursday, 26 May 2011

- 5631. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Housing
- 5632. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Mental Health

Tuesday, 14 June 2011

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- 5733. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Premier advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Premier's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Premier's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5734. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Deputy Premier advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Deputy Premier's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Deputy Premier's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5735. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5736. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5737. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Attorney General

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Treasurer advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Treasurer's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Treasurer's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5738. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5739. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
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5740. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
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5741. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5742. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5743. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
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5744. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport; Housing

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5745. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
- (b) the cost of producing all presentations, publications, articles, newsletters or other literary works acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated?

5746. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

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- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
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5747. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services

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- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
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5748. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Water

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
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5749. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

In relation to acknowledgement requirements linked to the funding of projects through the Royalties for Regions programme, could the Minister advise:

- (a) the cost of producing all signage acknowledging Royalties for Regions funding for each individual agency within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities where Royalties for Regions funding was allocated; and
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5750. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

With reference to recovery plans for threatened and endangered species as defined under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (WA) and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth), I ask:

- (a) how many recovery plans have been finalised by the Department in the last five years; and
 - (i) please provide the details of these plans;
- (b) how many recovery plans have been implemented in Western Australia in the last five years; and
 - (i) please provide the details of these plans;
- (c) are there any recovery plans waiting to be finalised; and
 - (i) if yes, please provide the details of these plans; and
- (d) are there any recovery plans waiting to be implemented;
 - (i) if yes, please provide the details of these plans?

5751. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Has the threatened species *Setonixbrachyurus*, also known as the mainland quokka, been afforded a recovery plan under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (WA) and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (section 270); and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) Will the Minister please table this quokka recovery plan; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) When will the quokka recovery plan be implemented?
- (4) What funds have been allocated for the implementation of this plan and from which agencies will the funds be allocated?
- (5) Which agency will be responsible for the oversight of this quokka recovery plan?
- (6) What is the timeframe for the implementation of this quokka recovery plan?

5752. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

With reference to the recent activities at the Department of Environment and Conservation-defined forest area of Crowea 7 in the south west of Western Australia:

- (a) is this block home to the threatened species 'SetonixBrachyurus', also known as the mainland quokka;
- (b) did the Department comply with the 'Adaptive Fire Management: Interim Guidelines for Forest Populations of Quokka' when logging and burning this block; and

- (i) if yes, how; and
- (ii) if no, why not; and
- (c) does the Minister consider that adequate protection of the ecosystem for this threatened species was upheld by the Department during their logging and burning activities?

5753. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the recent experimental fire that was carried out by the Department at the 360 hectare Bengier Nature Reserve, near Harvey, on 14 April 2011:

- (a) can the Minister please explain the justification for this burn, at a time when the Shire of Harvey had a 'total fire ban', and at the end of one of Western Australia's longest and hottest summers on record;
- (b) does the Minister consider that the weather conditions at the time were suitable for a safe experimental burn; and
 - (i) if not, why not;
- (c) is this best practice fire management; and
 - (i) if yes, please detail; and
 - (ii) if not, why not;
- (d) what impact has this fire caused to the populations of threatened species that live at this reserve; and
- (e) what actions has the Department taken to assess the impact of this fire on the reserve's ecosystems and threatened species?

5754. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the recent experimental fire that was carried out by the Department at the 360 hectare Bengier Nature Reserve, near Harvey, on 14 April 2011:

- (a) what was the total cost to the Government for this experimental burn;
- (b) what will be the total cost to Government for reparation works and ongoing monitoring of the reserve;
- (c) can the Minister estimate a total cost to Government for the destruction of a threatened species ecosystem; and
 - (i) if yes, please detail; and
 - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (d) how long will it take to repair the threatened species ecosystems?

5755. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Environment

- (1) What scientific studies have been conducted and finalised by the Department on the impacts that logging and burning practices are having on the ecosystems of threatened and endangered Western Australian fauna in these south west native forests; and
 - (a) could the Minister please provide details of these studies?
- (2) What scientific studies have been conducted and finalised on the impacts that logging and burning practices are having on the ecosystems of threatened and endangered Western Australian fauna in these South West native forests?

- (3) How are threatened and endangered species in Western Australia protected during the practices of logging and burning of Western Australian South West native forests?
- (4) In the context of a drying climate and impending climate change impacts for the South West native forests of Western Australia, what are the long term impacts that can be expected from the practice of logging and burning in this region?

5756. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

Between October 2008 and October 2010, how many grants within the contemporary music field were distributed in the categories of:

- (a) commercial development;
- (b) fellowships;
- (c) mentorship and skills development;
- (d) production;
- (e) touring; and
- (f) quick response?

5757. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

Since November 2010, how many grants within the contemporary music field were distributed in the categories of:

- (a) commercial development;
- (b) fellowships;
- (c) mentorship and skills development;
- (d) production;
- (e) touring; and
- (f) quick response?

5758. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce

- (1) What requirements are there in the Residential Design Codes to regulate the size of lifts?
- (2) What, if any requirements are there in the Building Codes of Australia to regulate the size of lifts?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the concerns raised by St John Ambulance that lifts are too small to accommodate a stretcher?
- (4) Will the Minister propose regulations to ensure that stretchers can fit in lifts?

5759. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

I refer to the Boards and Committees List on the Public Sector Western Australia website, and ask:

- (a) how many people sit on each of the boards or committees;
- (b) what is the name of the Chair of each of the boards or committees;
- (c) on what date was the person appointed Chair;
- (d) what does the Chair earn;
- (e) what do the individual board or committee members earn;

- (f) what was the cost in sitting fees and other remuneration for these boards and committees from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011; and
- (g) what was the cost for other expenses, including travel expenses, for these boards and committees from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011?

5760. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

- (1) What was the median waiting time for public housing accommodation as at 30 June 2011?
- (2) What was the median waiting time for public housing accommodation per Department of Housing district as at 30 June 2011?
- (3) What was the median waiting time for priority public housing accommodation as at 30 June 2011?
- (4) What was the median waiting time for priority public housing accommodation per Department of Housing district as at 30 June 2011?

5761. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy

The Office of Energy was due to report to the Minister the results of a feasibility study to assess the potential of a commercial feed-in tariff in 2010. I ask:

- (a) has the Minister received this report; and
- (b) when will it be publicly available?

5762. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy

In 2010, Synergy set a flat Renewable Energy Buyback Scheme (REBS) rate of 7c/kWh for residential customers. I ask:

- (a) does the Minister have a rationale from Synergy explaining the reason for this low REBS rate;
- (b) is this information publicly available;
- (c) if so, where can it be accessed; and
- (d) does the Minister know why Synergy set a rate of 7c/kWh while Horizon Power set the value of renewable energy at a much higher rate?

5763. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy

South West Interconnected System (SWIS) residential customers have bought 100 MW of renewable energy infrastructure and this contribution could go much higher. I ask:

- (a) does the Minister believe this continuing investment in renewable energy infrastructure by householders and business has a value to the community and the SWIS; and
- (b) if so, how is this value determined?

5764. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy

- (1) Is it Government policy that the Government should intervene in the electricity market if there is a demonstrable market failure?
- (2) Is the rate set by Synergy to buy back renewable energy from residential and commercial customers a result of split incentives in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS)?

- (3) Why does this not represent the true value of renewable energy produced by these customers of the SWIS?

5765. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Energy

In relation to electrical blackouts/outrages in the Seville Grove, Camillo, Kelmscott, Armadale, Mt Nasura, Mt Richon, Wungong, Brookdale, Champion Lakes and Harrisdale suburbs or districts:

- (a) on what dates from 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2011 have electrical blackouts/outrages occurred in each of these suburbs;
- (b) what was the duration of each electrical blackout/outage;
- (c) what was the reason for each electrical blackout/outage; and
- (d) could the Minister please provide a comparison of these outages with the state average?

5766. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Transport

With regards to the new Mirrabooka Bus Station, is it the intention of the Public Transport Authority (PTA) to drive buses along the new Sudbury Road in front of the refurbished Mirrabooka Bus station, and if so:

- (a) why is the PTA not using the bus port access road;
- (b) what steps are being taken to protect pedestrians walking across the plaza area at Mirrabooka bus station in the event that the PTA stands by its decision not to use the bus port access road;
- (c) will the speed limit on Sudbury Road be lowered to adequately reflect its status as a thoroughfare for pedestrians; and
- (d) what will the frequency of buses be on Sudbury Road?

5767. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Treasurer

Could the Minister please list the organisations of which Government Employees Superannuation Board is a member?

5768. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Treasurer

- (1) Why has the mutualisation of the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) not been finalised, and the capacity for public servants to be able to choose their superannuation fund not been introduced?
- (2) Given comments that GESB mutualisation was ceased because of declining reserves and tax status concerns, will the Government proceed to implement choice of fund legislation; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) If mutualisation is not proceeding has the GESB Mutual Board been suspended; and
 - (a) if not, how many meetings has the GESB Mutual Board had and what are they working on?
- (4) What payments have been made to the GESB Board?

5769. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Treasurer

- (1) Further to the concern of the public on payments to executives and the recent announcement by the Federal Government to examine executive remuneration, does the Government

Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) ensure their investment portfolios are managed actively to ensure good governance through participating in shareholder voting; and

(a) if so, how does GESB do this?

(2) Is GESB a member of the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors; and

(a) if not, why not?

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
