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- 818. Ms M. Beard to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Commerce
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- 828. Ms M. Beard to the Minister for Health
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- 830. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Local Government

Questions listed for this sitting: -

831. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the approval for medical practitioners to enter Western Australia during Covid restrictions, and I ask:

- (a) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many overseas medical practitioners and medical specialists were authorised by the Chief Medical Officer to enter Western Australia for work in hospitals and other medical roles;
- (b) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many interstate medical practitioners and medical specialists were authorised by the Chief Medical Officer to enter Western Australia for work in hospitals and other medical roles;
- (c) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many medical practitioners and medical specialists left Western Australian public hospitals; and
- (d) By month for the period February 2020 to December 2022, how many medical practitioners and medical specialists were employed in Western Australian public hospitals?

832. Ms M. Beard to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the commitment to upgrade the Meekatharra Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) What is the current number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff employed at Meekatharra Hospital;
- (b) As at 1 July, how many of these positions are vacant;
- (c) Is there currently a full-time staff member at the Hospital responsible for maintenance;
- (d) If not, who provides this service and on what basis; and
- (e) What is the 2023-24 budget allocation by WA Country Health Service (WACHS) for maintenance at Meekatharra Hospital?

833. Ms M. Beard to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the condition of the Onslow Police Station, and I ask:

- (a) When was the Onslow Police Station first built;
- (b) What has been the annual amount spent on the maintenance budget for Onslow Police Station since 2017;
- (c) How many complaints have there been to Western Australian Police Force (WAPOL) by serving officers related to the condition of the Onslow Police Station since 2017;
- (d) What is the current cyclone rating of the Onslow Police Station;
- (e) Does it meet all current workplace safety and security requirements;

- (f) Has the station ever been impacted by flooding? If so, when; and
- (g) If so, what remediation works have been conducted to mitigate against this future risk?

834. Mr R.S. Love to the Treasurer:

I refer to the Aboriginal Expenditure Review, and I ask:

- (a) Has a review been completed;
- (b) If yes to (a), please provide all reviews to date; and
- (c) If no to (a), when will the review be completed?

835. Mr R.S. Love to the Treasurer:

I refer to evidence given by the Insurance Commission of Western Australia in budget estimates on 23 May 2023 and the commitment to provide evidence via Questions on Notice, and I ask:

- (a) Please provide the figures collected by WorkCover regarding the comparison between premium workers compensation rates for government and other employees; and
- (b) Please provide the range of factors driving increased workers compensation rates?

836. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

I refer to assaults on police officers, and I ask:

- (a) How many police officers who were on duty were subject to an assault that resulted in a charge of assault police officer in the year July 2021 to June 2022;
- (b) How many police officers who were on duty were subject to an assault that resulted in a charge of assault police officer in the year July 2020 to June 2021; and
- (c) How many police officers who were on duty were subject to an assault that resulted in a charge of assault police officer in the year July 2019 to June 2020?

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

I refer to evidence provided by the Minister on Gold Corp and the model state commodity code during Budget Estimates on 25 May 2023, and I ask:

- (a) How many accounts have been impacted by a potential breach of the US model state commodity code; and
- (b) What is the cost to Gold Corp of the engagement of US legal counsel for each month of the years June 2020 to July 2023?

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

I refer to the increase in mining tenement rentals from 2023-24 onwards, and I ask:

- (a) What is the expected revenue to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety from this increase in 2023-24, and over the forward estimates?

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

I refer to the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Midland St John of God Public and Private Hospital Annual reports, and I ask:

- (a) How does the Minister account for the dramatic rise in the number of accredited Doctors from 240 in 2020-21 to 574 in 2021-22;
- (b) Comparison of the two reports reveals an increase of 248 in the number of caregivers at the Hospital between 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, can the Minister quantify how many of those additional caregivers were employed to work within the St John of God Public Hospital;

- (c) How does the Minister account for the 6 per cent drop in the number of public patient admission at the hospital between 2020-21 and 2021-22 despite the hospital's location within one of the fastest growing growth corridors in the Perth Metropolitan area;
- (d) How does the Minister account for the 11.5 per cent drop in the number of public outpatients being seen at the hospital between 2020-21 and 2021-22 despite the hospital's location within one of the fastest growing growth corridors in the Perth Metropolitan area;
- (e) How does the Minister account for the 3 per cent drop in the number of emergency presentations being seen at the hospital between 2020-21 and 2021-22 despite the hospital's location within one of the fastest growing growth corridors in the Perth Metropolitan area; and
- (f) How does the Minister account for the 3.5 per cent drop in the number of mental health admissions to the hospital between 2020-21 and 2021-22 despite the hospital's location within one of the fastest growing growth corridors in the Perth Metropolitan area?

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

I refer to the Shipping and Supply Chain Taskforce and the March 2023 reporting timeline, and I ask:

- (a) Has the taskforce provided it's report to government:
 - (i) If yes to (a), what are the main findings and recommendations;
 - (ii) when will the report be made publicly available; and
 - (iii) If no to (a), why not?

841. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 213, line-item Kimberley On-Country Residential Youth Facilities, and I ask:

- (a) Please detail the 2022-23 Estimated Actual spend of \$3 million; and
- (b) Please detail the \$5 million allocated funding for the 2023-24 budget year and expected program of works, including the remaining \$7.5 million in the budget out years?

842. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to foster carers engaged by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support as at 31 May 2023, and I ask:

- (a) How many foster carers were registered with the Department;
- (b) How many foster carers currently with children in their care did not have a valid Working with Children card;
- (c) How many foster carers currently with children in their care had an interim Working with Children card;
- (d) Of those referenced in (C), what was the average length of issue of the interim Working with Children cards; and
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845. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to hydrotherapy services at St John of God Midland Public Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) In each of the following years, how many treatment sessions in the hospital's hydrotherapy pool were available to public patients:
 - (i) 2020;
 - (ii) 2021;
 - (iii) 2022; and
 - (iv) To date in 2023;
- (b) In each of the following years, how many treatment sessions in the hospital's hydrotherapy pool were administered to public patients:
 - (i) 2020;
 - (ii) 2021;
 - (iii) 2022; and
 - (iv) 2023 to date.; and
- (c) What is the current wait time for public patients to access hydrotherapy services at St John of God Midland Public Hospital?

846. Ms M. Beard to the Minister for Police:

I refer to recent changes to high caliber weapons, which came into effect on July 1 2023, and I ask:

- (a) Who is responsible for undertaking valuations for the purposes of the buyback of very powerful firearms associated with this change;
- (b) Can the valuations process please be outlined;
- (c) Can you please provide the list prices for firearms in this buyback process;
- (d) Was this list published;
- (e) If not, why not;
- (f) Has the freight to the regions been factored in on the buyback amounts; and
- (g) What has been the average wait time for reimbursement?

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