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# **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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#### Wednesday, 25 May 2011

- 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

#### Tuesday, 14 June 2011

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- 5637. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 5756. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
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- 5758. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce
- 5759. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 5760. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
- 5761. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy

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- 5764. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy
- 5765. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Energy
- 5766. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Transport
- 5767. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Treasurer
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- 5770. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Transport
- 5771. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Education
- 5772. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health
- 5773. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health
- 5774. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Education
- 5775. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Energy
- 5776. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Energy

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#### 5777. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

I refer to comments from the Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding the recent State Administrative Tribunal pay rise for senior members of the public service, and I ask:

- (a) on what date did Mr Conran formally advise the relevant payroll section he did not want his pay increase implemented;
- (b) how did he advise his payroll section not to proceed with the pay increase;
- (c) has the payroll section acted upon his request; and
  - (i) if not, why not;
- (d) has the increase been passed on to Mr Conran; and
  - (i) if so, on what pay date;
- (e) if the pay increase has been passed on to Mr Conran, has Mr Conran reimbursed the State for the increase; and
- (f) if the pay increase will be passed on to Mr Conran, does Mr Conran intend to reimburse the State for the increase?

#### 5778. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

How many private motel vouchers have been issues by the Department to meet the urgent housing needs of the community?

#### 5779. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing

How many private motel vouchers have been issues by the Department to meet the urgent housing needs of the community?

#### 5780. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

- (1) For all teachers employed by the Department of Education for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011:
  - (a) how many have temporary status;
  - (b) how many have permanent substantive status;
  - (c) how many have permanent fixed-term status; and
  - (d) how many are employed on a casual basis?
- (2) For all teacher assistants employed by the Department of Education for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011:
  - (a) how many have temporary status;
  - (b) how many have permanent substantive status;
  - (c) how many have permanent fixed-term status; and
  - (d) how many are employed on a casual basis?
- (3) Are all permanent teachers who are employed in fixed-term positions classed as permanent unattached?
- (4) If yes for (3), for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, how many teachers were permanent unattached but not employed in fixed-term positions?
- (5) If no for (3), for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, how many teachers were permanent unattached?

# 5781. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Corrective Services

In relation to the Minister's denial in Question on Notice No. 5151 that the Minister and his Department have received no advice regarding the validity of bone-testing, triple-testing, or any other age determining processes regarding Indonesian or other prisoners, I ask:

(a) since the election of the Barnett Government, has the Minister, or any Minister for Corrective Services or the Department received advice from the Inspector of Custodial Services, or any other sources, including reports by Independent Prison Visitors, on the validity of bone-testing, triple-testing, or any other age determining processes?

# 5782. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Road Safety

- (1) Can the Minister advise if his Department intends to stop funding for the crosswalk attendants at the children's crossing situated on Great Eastern Highway/Queens Road, South Guildford; and
  - (a) if yes, what reason has the Department given for stopping the funding for the crosswalk attendants at this crossing?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the amount of heavy vehicle traffic that uses this section of road?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that children travelling by foot from South Guildford to Guildford Primary School have no alternative other than to cross this dangerous section of road to access the pathway on the bridge passing over the Helena River?

- (4) Is the Minister aware that in 2008 a crosswalk attendant was hit by a vehicle at this children's crossing?
- (5) With these issues in mind, does the Minister believe that a cost cutting measure taken by his Department is more important than the safety of the children trying to cross at this dangerous stretch of road; and
  - (a) if not, will the Minister guarantee the continuation of funding for the crosswalk attendants to staff this children's crossing; and
    - (i) if not, why not?
- (6) Would the Minister be prepared to meet with myself and the parents at the site to see for himself how dangerous this section of road is; and
  - (a) if not, why not?

#### 5783. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

In relation to the termination of Mr Scott Curry's position at the Western Australia Symphony Orchestra (WASO), I ask:

- (a) what are the financial considerations in the termination of Mr Curry's position and sourcing his replacement;
- (b) is WASO undertaking any restructuring since the departure of Mr Curry; and
- is the Minister confident, and on what basis, that the orchestra is funded adequately to undertake major productions of the Ring and Electra and continue the high standards of their excellent performance and education cycles?

# 5784. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

At the Major Projects Conference held in March 2011, participants were promised that outcomes of the forum would be presented to Cabinet. I ask:

- (a) what outcomes have been presented to Cabinet; and
- (b) what outcomes have been supported, and what outcomes dismissed by Cabinet?

#### 5785. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Education

With regards to Edale Primary School:

- (a) why has the building been closed; and
- (b) what is the plan for the building and/or the land?

#### 5786. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Road Safety

What were the receipts and payments by major categories, along with the annual opening and closing balances, for the Road Trauma Trust Fund for each financial year from 2006–2007 to 2010–2011 inclusive?

# 5787. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Energy

- (1) What has been the average annual electricity consumption for Synergy's residential customers for each financial year from 2001–2002 up to and including 2010–2011?
- (2) For each year at 30 June, from 2001 up to and including 2011, how many residential customers did Synergy have?

#### 5788. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Treasurer

- (1) What are the names and/or descriptions of all the closed superannuation schemes managed by the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) as at 30 June 2011?
- (2) How many members still retained entitlements under each of these closed superannuation schemes as at 30 June 2011?
- (3) What were the 'emerging costs' met from the Consolidated Account for each of these superannuation schemes for the year ending 30 June 2011?
- (4) What were the 'emerging costs' met by agencies other than those included in General Government Sector for each of these superannuation schemes for the year ending 30 June 2011?

#### 5789. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Treasurer

- (1) What are the names and/or descriptions of all the closed superannuation schemes managed by the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) as at 30 June 2010?
- (2) How many members still retained entitlements under each of these closed superannuation schemes as at 30 June 2010?
- (3) What were the 'emerging costs' met from the Consolidated Account for each of these superannuation schemes for the year ending 30 June 2010?
- (4) What were the 'emerging costs' met by agencies other than those included in General Government Sector for each of these superannuation schemes for the year ending 30 June 2010?

#### 5790. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Treasurer

- (1) What are the names and/or descriptions of all the closed superannuation schemes managed by the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) as at 30 June 2009?
- (2) How many members still retained entitlements under each of these closed superannuation schemes as at 30 June 2009?
- (3) What were the 'emerging costs' met from the Consolidated Account for each of these superannuation schemes for the year ending 30 June 2009?
- (4) What were the 'emerging costs' met by agencies other than those included in General Government Sector for each of these superannuation schemes for the year ending 30 June 2009?

# 5791. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Treasurer

In relation to the receipt of a one-off \$40 million reimbursement to the Consolidated Account in 2010–2011 from the Government Employees Superannuation Board for accumulated overpayments (and interest), for each component that made up this amount what was the specific reason for each amount and the year to which it related?

#### 5792. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

I refer to the Asia Pacific Autism Conference, to be held in Perth on 8–10 September 2011, and I ask:

- (a) as the Department of Education is listed as a sponsor:
  - (i) how much is the total Department of Education sponsorship worth;
  - (ii) in what form is the sponsorship funding, in-kind, other (please detail);

- (iii) what is the total value of all State Government sponsorship for this conference:
- (b) how many Department of Education staff are registered to attend the conference;
- (c) of the Department of Education staff registered to attend, how many will have or already have their registration paid for by the Department;
- (d) of the Department of Education staff whose registration has been or will be paid for by the Department to attend, which section/school are they from; and
- (e) have any Department of Education staff received an offer, either verbally or in writing, to have their registration paid for by the Department of Education, and if so:
  - (i) where do those staff work; and
  - (ii) have any of those staff subsequently had that offer withdrawn, how many staff have had the offer withdrawn, and where do they work?

#### 5793. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water

What has been the measured monthly average salinity level in the Wellington Dam for each month from January 2010 to the present?

5794. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the sale of Genetically Modified (GM) canola, I ask:

- (a) how much GM canola has been harvested in Western Australia to date;
- (b) of the GM canola harvested, how much has been sold; and
- (c) how much GM canola is still in storage silos?

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly