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- 1380. Ms L. Mettam to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister Assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade
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Questions listed for this sitting: -

1386. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the media reports of photos published by Western Australia Police and Western Australia Labor on the 5th August 2024, “The WA Firearms Act Reform Voluntary Buyback Scheme”, and I ask:

- (a) Did the Premier or anyone in his office correspond with WA Police in regard to the preparation of this media event:
 - (i) If so, please provide all correspondence;
- (b) Did the Minister for Police and anyone in his offices correspond with WA Police regarding the preparation of this media event:
 - (i) If so, please provide all correspondence;
- (c) Did a member of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet take the images and videos that appear on WA Labor’s Instagram posted on the 7th of August of the firearms in a truck:
 - (i) If so, please outline the costs of media equipment used to produce the media event;
- (d) Did a member of the WA Police take the images and videos that appear on WA Labor’s Instagram posted on the 7th of August of the firearms in a truck:
 - (i) If so, please outline the costs of media equipment used to produce the media event;
- (e) Was the truck appearing in the images and video hired:
 - (i) If so, did the Western Australia Police hire the truck:

- (A) If so, outline the cost of hiring the truck containing the surrendered firearms;
- (f) Outline the security required for the transportation of the surrendered firearms truck;
- (g) How many witches' hats were used for the media event;
- (h) Where did the media event take place;
- (i) How many security personnel were required for the media event;
- (j) Was security of the media event provided by the WA Police:
 - (i) If so, outline the cost of the security;
- (k) Were any safety protocols waived by the Minister for Police to allow the media event;
- (l) Were any safety protocols waived by the Premier to allow the media event;
- (m) If normal safety protocols were waived, can the Western Australian public be confident the Government committed to upholding the Firearms Act 2024;
- (n) Were all guns photographed collected under the WA Firearms Act Reform Voluntary Buyback Scheme:
 - (i) If not, please provide how and from where the firearms were attained; and
- (o) How many of the pictured firearms were collected from regional areas?

1387. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the media reports of photos published by Western Australia Police and Western Australia Labor on the 5th August 2024, "The WA Firearms Act Reform Voluntary Buyback Scheme", and I ask:

- (a) Did the Minister for Police and anyone in his offices correspond with WA Police regarding the preparation of this media event:
 - (i) If so, please provide all correspondence;
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- (l) How many of the pictured firearms were collected from regional areas?

1388. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to the Office of the Auditor General report 27th June 2024, “Legal Services Provided to the State Solicitor’s Office”, and ask:

- (a) Outline the number of meetings between the Attorney General and Ashurst prior to contracting the agreement;
- (b) Outline the number of meetings between the Attorney General and Ashurst post contracting of the agreement:
 - (i) Where did the meetings take place; and
- (c) How often has the Government corresponded with Ashurst regarding Griffin Coal?

1389. Mr R.S. Love to the Attorney General:

I refer to the Office of the Auditor General report 27th June 2024, “Legal Services Provided to the State Solicitor’s Office”, and ask:

- (a) Outline the number of meetings between the Attorney General and Ashurst prior to contracting the agreement;
- (b) Outline the number of meetings between the Attorney General and Ashurst post contracting of the agreement:
 - (i) Where did the meetings take place; and
- (c) How often has the Attorney General, or anyone in his office corresponded with Ashurst regarding Griffin Coal?

1390. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the email correspondence by the Divisional Superintendent of the Firearm Reform Division on August 10th 2024 and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister for Police confirm the “pest density reports” exist;
- (b) When will the “pest density distribution reports” be made available;
- (c) Did the Minister for Police authorise the emailed correspondence from the Divisional Superintendent of the Firearm Reform Division on the 12th August 2024:
 - (i) If not authorise the emailed correspondence;
- (d) Please outline a breakdown of the funding for the Firearm Reform Division;
- (e) Are additional employments made for the Firearm Reform Division;
- (f) Are additional employments made for the Firearm Reform Division;
- (g) What number of Full Time Equivalent’s are engaged in the Firearm Reform Division; and
- (h) Have FTEs positions been employed for the oversight of maps, guidelines and written authority recommendations?

1391. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the email correspondence by the Divisional Superintendent of the Firearm Reform Division on August 10th 2024 and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister for Agriculture and Food please confirm the “pest density distribution reports” exist:
 - (i) If not, when will the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Department create these maps;
- (b) When will the “pest density distribution reports” be made available; and
- (c) Have Full Time Equivalent positions been employed for the oversight of maps, guidelines and written authority recommendations?

1392. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the article published in the West Australian entitled More than 38,000 firearms handed in as Government buyback wraps up and ask:

- (a) What was the date and time that the explosion took place;
- (b) What authorisation was required to carry out the destruction of the surrendered weapons, providing evidence of authorisations;
- (c) Was the Minister for Police consulted on the method of destruction:
 - (i) If so, did the Minister for Police indicate a preference towards the techniques of destruction used;
- (d) Did the Minister for Police authorise the explosion of surrendered firearms;
- (e) Was the location of the destruction owned by the Crown:
 - (i) If not, was there compensation provided to the owner of the land; and
 - (ii) If so, how much was compensated;
- (f) Did correspondence occur between the Western Australia Police and the residents surrounding where the explosion took place:
 - (i) If so, please provide the correspondence sent by WA Police;
- (g) Was the explosion video filmed by a member of the WA Police office:
 - (i) If not, what department or organisation filmed the explosion;
- (h) Was the shredding video filmed by a staffer of the WA Police:
 - (i) If not, who filmed the shredding;
- (i) Were emergency services present at the explosion:
 - (i) If so, outline the services present and their individual costs;
- (j) Was security present at the exploding location;
- (k) What security protocols were in place for the transporting of the surrendered weapons to the location of the explosion;
- (l) What security protocols were in place for the transporting of the surrendered weapons to the location of the shredding;
- (m) Outline how the location was chosen for the explosion;
- (n) Provide the distance of the location site from Perth City;
- (o) Provide the distance between where the surrendered weapons were held and the explosion location; and
- (p) Provide the distance between where the surrendered weapons were held and the shredding location?

1393. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the media release by the Premier and Minister for Police entitled Firearms buyback to support historic Cook Government Reform 14th February 2024, and ask:

- (a) Please outline the modelling conducted to cost the scheme at \$64 million; and
- (b) Will the leftover cost of the scheme remain in the Firearms Reform division:
 - (i) If not, outline how it will be utilised?

1394. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

I refer to the the Minister for Sport and Recreation's response to question without notice no. 596, and ask:

- (a) When did the Minister for Sport and Recreation's office become aware of the Western Australian Institute of Sport cutting Netball funding; and
- (b) Has the Minister for Sport and Recreation office been briefed by the Western Australia Institute of Sport regarding the cutting of Netball funding?

1395. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the media release by Minister for Fisheries 1st May 2024 entitled Cook Government boost to build Carnarvon artificial reef, and ask:

- (a) Has a tender been awarded:
 - (i) If not, outline the reasons preventing awarding the tender; and
 - (ii) If so, outline the successful applicant;
- (b) Outline the expected end cost of the project; and
- (c) How many other tenders will be awarded?

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
