



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2022

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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### QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

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#### **Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 11 October 2022**

975. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth (*SO108(2) response due 1 December 2022*)
976. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health (*SO108(2) response due 1 December 2022*)

#### **Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 25 October 2022**

1067. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce (*SO108(2) response due 14 February 2023*)

#### **Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 27 October 2022**

1086. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government (*SO108(2) response due 14 February 2023*)
1091. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO108(2) response due 14 February 2023*)

#### **Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 15 November 2022**

1092. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1093. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
1094. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1095. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
1096. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
1097. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
1098. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports

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- 1099. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1100. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 1101. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 1102. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 1103. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 1104. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1105. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer
- 1106. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 1107. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands
- 1108. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands
- 1109. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1110. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism

**Notice Given                      Wednesday, 16 November 2022**

- 1111. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1112. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

**Notice Given                      Thursday, 17 November 2022**

- 1113. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1114. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1115. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1116. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1117. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1118. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing
- 1119. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1120. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

**Notice Given                      Tuesday, 22 November 2022**

- 1121. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
- 1122. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
- 1123. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

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1124. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry

1125. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands

**Notice Given** **Thursday, 24 November 2022**

1126. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning

1127. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning

1128. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

1129. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

1130. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

1131. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

**Notice Given** **Tuesday, 29 November 2022**

1132. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

1133. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

1134. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Industrial Relations

1135. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

1136. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

1137. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism

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**1138. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:**

Only 4,000 hectares of the Gnangara Pine Plantation remain to be harvested. Successive State Governments have failed in past years to require revegetation of the large area of the Gnangara pine plantation that have been harvested, and the area has been left fallow. This remaining pine plantation site is a mega roost site and provides foraging habitat of pine cones for thousands of Carnaby's Cockatoos. They have shifted there as their natural habitat has been extensively cleared. If the last 4,000 hectares of pines are harvested and lost to the Carnaby's Cockatoos, experts have advised that at least half of the Carnaby's population there will be starved to death and lost as there is no substitute habitat available. It is now a matter of urgency to stop and defer the harvest of this last 4,000 hectares of pines until replacement habitat is planted and grown. Many peak and expert community groups such as Birdlife WA are calling for the pine harvest to be halted immediately in order to prevent the collapse of the already endangered Carnaby's population, and I ask:

- (a) what will you as Minister responsible for protection of the endangered Carnaby's Cockatoo do, to immediately defer and/or stop the harvest of the last portion of the remaining Gnangara Pine Plantation;
- (b) a few years ago, former Environment Minister Dawson deferred the harvest for some time, what provisions were used to do so;
- (c) under section 69 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, there is a 'stop orders, issue and effect of' provision. Will you investigate this option and/or any other to defer and/or stop the harvesting of the remaining Gnangara Pine Plantation; and
- (d) have alternative plantations of eucalypts (north of Albany) that are available for local timber supply been considered as an alternative?

**1139. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning:**

The World class Bush Forever plan and program introduced by the Western Australian Government in December 2000 was planned to be fully implemented in ten years, ie by 2010. While much has been implemented, its implementation remains unfinished, and many sites are not yet being actively managed to maintain their conservation values. Now after 22 years of implementing Bush Forever, I ask:

- (a) how many Bush Forever sites that are zoned as parks and recreation are yet to be acquired by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) using funding from the Metropolitan Region Improvement Fund (MRIF);
- (b) what are each of these Bush Forever names, numbers, and site areas in hectares;

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- (c) what is the similar list of Bush Forever sites that have different zoning not parks and recreation and are not yet secured for conservation;
- (d) what is the total number and hectares of Bush Forever Areas that are not yet fully secured for the purpose of conservation in the Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) reserve system;
- (e) how many Bush Forever sites are now still owned by the WAPC and have not yet been transferred to Crown reserve status as 'A' class nature reserves or as 'A' class reserves for the purpose of conservation of nature;
- (f) what is the reason that all these WAPC owned sites have not yet been transferred to 'A' class reserve status and vested in a suitable conservation land manager, such as the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), or the respective Local Government Authority; and
- (g) what is the total land area (in hectares) of all the 287 Bush Forever Areas?

**1140. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) What is the total funding allocated to Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) for staff, on ground monitoring and management of the Bush Forever 'CAR' reserve system?
- (2) What is the total area in hectares of Bush Forever lands currently managed by (DBCA)?
- (3) What is the budget allocation to (DBCA) to manage these Bush Forever lands?
- (4) Given that according to the Bush Forever Audit 2021, the Western Australian Planning Commission now owns 13,440 hectares of Bush Forever areas, what has been the increase in recurrent funding for (DBCA) to employ staff and especially botanists, biologists and ecologists to properly manage this significant area of the conservation estate?

**1141. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to water licence applications in the Kimberley, and ask:

- (a) how many applications are currently being assessed by the Department of Water;
- (b) for each application, will the Minister detail the area and volume, and whether they are for surface or groundwater;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) how much water is currently licenced to be used in the Kimberley;
- (e) how much water is being removed from the Fitzroy River and any other rivers or wetlands in the Kimberley;
- (f) have any water license applications in the Kimberley been rejected in the past four years;

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- (g) if yes to (f), will the Minister list the rejected applications along with the amount of water sought and the reasons for the rejection; and
- (h) if no to (g), why not?

**1142. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to water license applications for the Fitzroy River and its tributaries, and ask:

- (a) how many applications are currently being assessed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation;
- (b) what is the volume for each application;
- (c) what are the locations for the applications; and
- (d) what is the proposed method of extraction?

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