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6065. Mr D.T. Redman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs:
I refer to the recently released Environmental Protection Authority’s Report No. 1649 - September 2019, and ask:

(a) Can the Minister confirm how much CO2 equivalent has not been captured by Chevron’s Gorgon project since July 16 when operations started?
6066.  Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the recently released Western Australian Feral Pig Strategy 2020-2025, and I ask:

(a) For each of the last three years, what is the total amount the State Government invested in feral pig control in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid West/Northern Agricultural region, and the Southwest; and

(b) What is the timeline for the establishment of the Western Australian Feral Pig Advisory Group, and how will members be appointed;

(c) What resources will be committed to the 2020-2025 strategy?

6067.  Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

I refer to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services’ planned mechanical fuel reduction project in un-allocated Crown Land surrounding the Wilga community in the Shire of Boyup Brook. Given that housing in Wilga has a Bushfire Attack Level rating of 40, and that the planned work has the potential to substantially reduce fire risk to the community through fuel load reduction, and I ask:

(a) Will this Government commit to progressing the Wilga Mechanical Fuel Reduction project as a matter of urgency in preparation for the next fire season (2020/21):

   (i) If yes, when will work commence;

   (ii) If no, what actions are planned to reduce the risk of out of control bushfires in the community of Wilga?

6068.  Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Transport:

(1) What is the total cost of sealing Tanami Road between Halls Creek in Western Australia and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory:

   (a) What is the cost of sealing the section in Western Australia;

   (b) What is the cost of sealing the section in the Northern Territory?

(2) What is the current status of upgrades to Tanami Road announced in the 2019-20 State Budget?

(3) What works will be undertaken in:

   (a) 2020;

   (b) 2021?

6069.  Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to Affordable Housing Action Plan, and ask:

(a) How many homes have been delivered in each year, since the program commenced;

(b) Please provide a breakdown of the response to (a) by tenure type (i.e. social housing, shared equity, affordable rentals, low deposit home loans, or otherwise), in each year?

6070.  Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Tonkin Highway extension from Thomas Road to South Western Highway, and I ask:

(a) What is the expected total cost of this project;

(b) Has the State government committed funding to this project:

   (i) If yes to (b), what is the total amount of State funding committed, broken down into each financial year; and

(c) What is the expected commencement date for this project;

(d) What is the expected completion date for this project?
6071. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport:
I refer to the Tonkin Highway extension from Thomas Road to South Western Highway, and I ask:

(a) Has any land acquisition occurred since March 2017 to support this project and if so, what is the value of those payments;
(b) Are future land acquisitions required and if so, what is the expected cost of those land acquisitions;
(c) Does the government have the power to compulsorily acquire land for this project and if so, will the government exercise these powers if needed; and
(d) Has the Government corresponded with all affected land holders;
(e) If yes to (d), how many land holders have been corresponded with and on what date did the correspondence take place?

6072. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport:
I refer to the Tonkin Highway Extension Thomas Road to South Western Highway, and I ask:

(a) Has the business case for the project been completed;
(b) Will the Minister table the business case;
(c) If no to (a) when will the business case be completed;
(d) In which month and what year did the preparation of the business case commence; and
(e) Has Main Roads submitted documents to the Environmental Protection Authority for environmental approval;
(f) If no to (e), when is Main Roads expecting to submit documents to the Environmental Protection Authority for approval?

6073. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport:
I refer to the Tonkin Highway Extension, Thomas Road to South Western Highway and future freight rail realignment study, and I ask:

(a) Has the Government allocated any funding for the realignment of the railway? If so, how much;
(b) When will the planning study be complete;
(c) Has the Minister met with ARC Infrastructure to discuss the proposal;
(d) If yes to (c), on what dates did the Minister meet with ARC Infrastructure; and
(e) Has the Minister met with any other key stakeholders regarding the realignment of the freight rail;
(f) If yes, with whom did the Minister meet and on what dates did the meetings take place?

6074. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth:
I refer to the 2020 Native Forest Harvest Plan, and ask:

(a) Can the Minister outline the timber type, hectares and volume of native timber that is no longer available for harvest due to 2 tier coupes being banned from harvesting this year;
(b) Why did the Minister make the decision to remove 2 tier coupes out of the 2020 harvest plan;
(c) Can the Minister explain why there is a difference between what he describes as a cut of only 150ha from the harvest plan, against claims by community that the impact is more like 9,000 hectares;
(d) Has the Minister instructed, directed or otherwise sought to influence either the Forest Products Commission or the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in ensuring the 2021 Native Forest Harvest Plan does not include 2 tier coupes;
(e) Can the Minister outline who in industry was consulted on the decision to cut 2 tier coupes from the 2020 harvest plan:
   (i) What was the nature of this consultation;
(f) If the Minister consulted industry on the decision to cut 2 tier coupes from the 2020 harvest plan, did this gain industry support; and
(g) Was Parkside, the new owner of Greenbushes and Nannup timber mills, consulted on this decision:
   (i) If so, what was the nature of this consultation?

6075. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:
I refer to the Recognised Biosecurity Rate raised on the Shires of Boyup Brook and Bridgetown, and ask:
   (a) Have notices been sent out to those required to pay the rate;
   (b) How many of those who are required to pay the rate, have paid the rate;
   (c) What is the percentage of those required to pay the rate against those who have paid the rate;
   (d) Can the Minister break this information down by the two individual shires; and
   (e) What is the Minister’s strategy to ensure all who are required to pay the rate are compliant with it;
   (f) Is the Minister aware of anyone who rightly should be issued a rate notice to pay the rate, but due to lack of mailing information has not received a rate notice?

6076. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:
I refer to the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, and ask:
   (a) When is/was the Act due for review;
   (b) When is the Minister going to review the Act;
   (c) What is the nature of the consultation the Minister will undertake in the process of reviewing the Act; and
   (d) Is the Minister in breach of her statutory responsibilities in respect to failure to review the Act;
   (e) What is the statutory deadline in respect to reviewing the Act?

6077. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Transport:
I refer to the intersection of Caves Road onto Yallingup Beach Road/Caves Road, and I ask:
   (a) With respect to the proposed interim measure of a left-hand slip lane from Caves Road onto Yallingup Beach Road into Yallingup:
      (i) Has any progress been made on this since 1 January 2019;
      (ii) What is the current status; and
      (iii) What is the estimated cost;
      (iv) When is it anticipated the slip-lane will be funded and constructed; and
(b) With respect to the proposed roundabout at this intersection:
   (i) Has any progress been made on this since 1 January 2019; and
   (ii) What is the estimated cost to construct a roundabout;
   (iii) What further approvals or works, if any, are required for this project to commence construction?

6078. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the appointment in 2019 of Mr Ross Love as lead consultant on the proposed voluntary Port Hedland buyback scheme for the “West End”, and ask:
   (a) Has Mr Love’s report been considered by government;
   (b) When will the government make a policy announcement in respect to this report;
   (c) Have the major port users agreed to the report’s recommendations;
   (d) When will the details of the price mechanism methodology be released;
   (e) Will the costs of dwelling construction be taken into account with the price mechanism;
   (f) Will the buy back scheme be of sufficient financial magnitude that it will actually enable the “West End” to be vacated by residents and land owners;
   (g) Does the Minister accept that property owners in negative equity will be largely unable to exit their property holdings; and
   (h) Is it the intention of the government to rezone this precinct for industrial use before or after this scheme in completed;
   (i) Exactly which area of the “West End” will this scheme cover?

6079. Mr D.T. Redman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs:

I refer to the deployment of Kimberley Aboriginal Rangers to the Stirling Range National Park to assist with the response effort to fire affected Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions assets, and ask:
   (a) Can the Minister confirm that indigenous rangers have been brought down from the Kimberley to support efforts to upgrade fire affected infrastructure in the Stirling Range National Park;
   (b) If so, were local aboriginal groups consulted on this decision; and
   (c) If so, was consideration given to the utilisation of local indigenous rangers in addition to those already deployed to assist with this effort;
   (d) Would the Minister consider giving indigenous rangers on the South Coast and Great Southern the opportunity to travel to the Kimberley to assist in that region?

6080. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the deployment of Kimberley Aboriginal Rangers to the Stirling Range National Park to assist with the response effort to fire affected Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions assets, and ask:
   (a) Can the Minister confirm that indigenous rangers have been brought down from the Kimberley to support efforts to upgrade fire affected infrastructure in the Stirling Range National Park;
   (b) If so, were local aboriginal groups consulted on this decision; and
   (c) If so, was consideration given to the utilisation of local indigenous rangers in addition to those already deployed to assist with this effort;
(d) Would the Minister consider giving indigenous rangers on the South Coast and Great Southern the opportunity to travel to the Kimberley to assist in that region?

6081. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Housing:
I refer to Government Regional Officers’ Housing (GROH) for each of the past five years, and I ask:
(a) how many GROH houses were there, in each region;
(b) how many GROH houses were rented (or available to rent), in each region; and
(c) how many GROH houses were sold, in each region;
(d) how many GROH houses ceased to be used as rentals, in each region?

6082. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Housing:
How many additional Government Regional Officers’ Housing properties are estimated to be required for each of the next three years, including a breakdown by:
(a) regional area;
(b) government department/agency requiring the property?

6083. Mr D.C. Nalder to the Minister for Energy:
I refer to each of the Government Trading Enterprises in your portfolio, and I ask:
(a) For each of the years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 what were the Budgeted and Actual numbers of:
   (i) Total full-time equivalent staff;
   (ii) Total headcount; and
   (iii) Total contractors;
   (iv) Total spend on consultants?

6084. Mr D.C. Nalder to the Minister for Water:
I refer to each of the Government Trading Enterprises in your portfolio, and I ask:
(a) For each of the years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 what were the Budgeted and Actual numbers of:
   (i) Total full-time equivalent staff;
   (ii) Total headcount; and
   (iii) Total contractors;
   (iv) Total spend on consultants?

6085. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:
I refer to the Western Australian Government’s Police Redress Scheme, and I ask:
(a) Did any members of the Independent Assessment Panel (IAP) apply for Police Redress;
(b) If yes, how many IAP members were successful and unsuccessful with their application;
(c) Did any IAP members apply for a review of their application;
(d) If yes to (a-c), what process was in put in place for the review of a IAP member’s application; and
(e) Please explain the discrepancy between the amounts of remuneration provided to the three IAP members?