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**6367. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Community Services:**

I refer to your announcement of 3 August 2020 regarding a new homelessness services portal, and ask:

- (a) will all homelessness providers have access to the database;
- (b) what procedures will be put in place to ensure the confidentiality of homeless clients;
- (c) how much funding has been provided for each of the past three years towards the Entrypoint homelessness assessment and referral service; and
- (d) will funding for Entrypoint cease once the database is established?

**6368. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Community Services:**

(1) I refer to your response to Question on Notice 6122 regarding the Hotels with Heart trial and ask, are you now able to advise the final costs of the project and if so, what were those costs?

(2) If no to (1), on what date will the final costs be known?

**6369. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the Distributed Energy Resources Roadmap under the heading 'Distribution battery storage' (page 56), and ask:

- (a) What is the current timeline for deployment of community PowerBanks to the 10 locations mentioned;
- (b) Why were these locations chosen;
- (c) Has the tender process been opened to the private sector:
  - (i) If so, what is the nature of opportunities to the private sector; and
- (d) Given the significant network reliability issues identified by Western Power in regional Western Australia, with some 10 locations being opened to a reliability prospectus for private sector solutions, why have these (mostly metropolitan) locations taken a priority for direct investment from Western Power?

**6370. Mr D.T. Redman to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations:**

I refer to those people entering Western Australia (WA) under current COVID restrictions, and ask:

- (a) Has the government set a cap on the number of people approved to return to WA each week:
  - (i) If so, what is the cap;
  - (ii) If so, does the cap include those with exemptions from quarantine; and
  - (iii) If so, what is the basis for setting this cap, and when was it put in place;
- (b) Can the Premier list the number of people who have sought a G2G entry and been approved to enter WA on a weekly basis from the start of current COVID restrictions to the present;
- (c) Is there a limit to the number of people who can be approved to return to WA; and

- (d) Has any special resource allocation been given to processing and managing those Western Australians who find themselves trying to return home from other states or overseas?

**6371. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Fisheries:**

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 6224 (1e), and I ask:

- (a) Please outline the criteria the government used to select the specialist company that has been engaged to undertake the design of the nursery?

**6372. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 6279 (1b), and I ask:

- (a) How many of the proposed 300 dwellings will be in Geraldton:
  - (i) Provide a list of Geraldton suburbs in which these properties will be built and how many properties are expected to be built in each suburb?

**6373. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Community Services:**

I refer to the Housing and Homelessness package announced as part of the 2019-2020 Mid-year Review, and the answer to Question on Notice 6279, and I ask:

- (a) Please outline an expected time frame for when the Housing First homelessness service will be established in Geraldton:
  - (i) Outline the details of how this service is expected to operate; and
  - (ii) How many people experiencing homelessness will this service be able to accommodate in Geraldton at any one time?

**6374. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Treasurer:**

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 6277, and I ask:

- (a) How much of the \$4.2 billion in Royalties for Regions funding allocated to Geraldton has been spent as of August 2020?

**6375. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 6276 and the \$4m expenditure on sustainability funding for Police and Community Youth Centres, and I ask:

- (a) How much of this funding was spent in Geraldton;
- (b) How much of this funding was spent in the Mid West; and
- (c) Provide a breakdown of expenditure by location and postcode?

**6376. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 6248, and I ask:

- (a) Are school-based attendance officers employed by the Department of Education:
  - (i) If not, who is their employer; and
- (b) Are school-based attendance officers paid by the Department of Education:
  - (i) If not, who pays their salary?

**6377. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 6248 (1), and I ask:

- (a) Provide the job titles of the two additional staff members employed by the Midwest Education Regional Office?

**6378. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Housing:**

For each of the following years 2019-20 and 2020-21 (year to date):

- (a) How many social houses were disposed of and what was the value;
- (b) How many Government Regional Officers' Housing and key workers' housing were disposed of and what was the value;
- (c) How much housing inventory was disposed of and what was the value; and
- (d) How many Aboriginal housing service homes were disposed of and what was the value?

**6379. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to staffing numbers at Greenough Regional Prison and I ask:

- (a) For Greenough Regional Prison, as at 1 July 2017, 1 July 2018, 1 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 respectively:
  - (i) What was the full authorised strength of prison officer positions; and
  - (ii) What was the actual full-time equivalent (FTE) number of prison officer positions?

**6380. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 5578 in relation to the Education, Employment and Transitional Services Review, and the Prison Services Evaluation Project, and I ask:

- (a) Have these reviews been finalised:
  - (i) If so, please table the review, and outline the outcomes of the review;
  - (ii) If no, why not; and
  - (iii) If no, can the Minister outline a time frame for when the reviews are expected to be complete?

**6381. Mr I.C. Blayney to the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to your interview on the ABC Midwest and Wheatbelt on 11 June 2020 regarding tenders for works at Greenough Regional Prison, and I ask:

- (a) Has the contract for the building of the women's compound now been tendered:
  - (i) If so, when will the tender be awarded;
  - (ii) When will construction of the women's compound begin;
  - (iii) When will the compound be complete; and
  - (iv) When will the compound be operational?

**6382. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:**

I refer to the government's Operation Heat Shield, and I ask:

- (a) For each month of the Operation, how much was spent on overtime for police officers;
- (b) For each month of the Operation, how many additional hours of policing were provided with these funds;
- (c) At the completion of the Operation, were any allocated funds not spent;
- (d) If yes to (c), where have these funds been reallocated; and
- (e) Is there any intention to repeat this Operation in the future?

**6383. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the proposed Ocean Reef Marina development, and ask:

- (a) Is the public able to access the Coastal Processes and Wrack Management Plan for the Ocean Reef Marina project;
- (b) Where is it available; and
- (c) If no, why?

**6384. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Ocean Reef Marina project, given there is significant community concern with sand erosion and depletion to the nearby Mullaloo Beach as a result of the project, and ask:

- (a) Is the Minister confident that sand depletion will be satisfactorily managed;
- (b) What monitoring is taking place for sand erosion and depletion; and
- (c) What plans are in place to deal with sand erosion and depletion?

**6385. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:**

I refer to the Western Australian Police Canine section, and ask:

- (a) For each year since 2015 how many staff have comprised the Canine section;
- (b) Of the staff in each year, how many were sworn officers and how many were unsworn staff;
- (c) For each year since 2015 how many police officers have departed the Canine section because they reached the maximum tenure;
- (d) Since 2017 how many full-time equivalent (FTE) positions have been removed from the Canine section;
- (e) For each of the past three years what is the actual and authorised strength of the Canine section;
- (f) In 2019-20 and 2020-21 (to date) has there been a change in the shift start times of the Canine section;
- (g) If there was a change in shift start times was there any particular reason for it;
- (h) Did the Canine section receive an allocation in its budget from Operation Heat Shield; and
- (i) How many trainee dogs commenced in 2019 and 2020?

**6386. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Expression of Interest, dated 26 September 2019, for a Medical Respite Centre Pilot, designed to provide medical care for homeless people who are too ill to recover from physical injury on the streets, but not ill enough to be in a hospital, and ask:

- (a) Has a contract been awarded for this project and if so, who will operate the centre;
- (b) Has a site been located for the centre and if so, what is the address; and
- (c) On what date will the centre be operational?

**6387. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Community Services:**

I refer to the Supporting Communities Forum (the Forum), and ask:

- (a) Please provide dates of all previous meetings of the Forum;
- (b) When will the Forum next convene;
- (c) Has the Forum had the opportunity to review the “All Paths Lead to a Home” Action Plan for Homelessness, if yes on what date; and

- (d) As the Forum is on hold indefinitely due to COVID-19, what mechanisms are in place for the Forum to provide oversight, feedback and advice regarding the implementation of the Action Plan 2020-2025?

**6388. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:**

I refer to the \$35.1 million to meet additional operational costs incurred by the WA Police Force during COVID-19, and ask:

- (a) Does this include overtime payments for police officers;
- (b) If yes to (a) how much of the \$35.1 million was allocated for overtime;
- (c) If yes to (a) was this overtime outside the funds allocated for Operation Heat Shield; and
- (d) How much for additional operational costs has been allocated for each financial year from 2020-21 through to 2022-23?

**6389. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to Matt Swinbourn MLC's announcement on 21 August that the Roleystone Community College Kiss and Ride would be upgraded, and I ask:

- (a) What consultation was undertaken with stakeholders including but not limited to Roleystone Community College, Roleystone Community College P&C, City of Armadale, TransWA, the crossing attendant, and nearby residents on Brooks Road;
- (b) What will the upgrade entail in terms of:
  - (i) Location;
  - (ii) Design; and
  - (iii) Capacity;
- (c) When will construction begin;
- (d) When will construction be complete;
- (e) How much will the project cost;
- (f) How much of the project cost will be funded by the State Government; and
- (g) How will the remainder of the project be funded?

**6390. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport; Planning:**

I refer to the section of Thomas Road between Tonkin Highway and South West Highway, and I ask:

- (a) Does Main Roads have a timeframe to take over this section of Thomas Road, which is currently the responsibility of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale;
- (b) Will this section of Thomas Road be included in the scope of the Tonkin Highway Extension project:
  - (i) if not, why not; and
- (c) What traffic and cost modelling has Main Roads undertaken regarding this section of Thomas Road:
  - (i) Please advise traffic numbers by:
    - (A) general; and
    - (B) heavy vehicles; and
  - (ii) Please advise the cost for Main Roads to take over and upgrade this section of Thomas Road?

**6391. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport; Planning:**

I refer to the announcement on 25 August 2020 that the location of Byford Train Station has been finalised and that there will be a road over rail on Thomas Road, and I ask:

- (a) What consultation was undertaken with stakeholders, including but not limited to the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, nearby residents and nearby businesses for:
  - (i) the site of the station; and
  - (ii) the construction of the grade separation on Thomas Road;
- (b) When was consultation undertaken with affected landowners regarding:
  - (i) the site of the station; and
  - (ii) the construction of the grade separation on Thomas Road;
- (c) How many landowners will be affected by the:
  - (i) site of the station; and
  - (ii) construction of the grade separation on Thomas Road;
- (d) Please provide the design details of the grade separation; and
- (e) How will affected landowners gain access to Thomas Road, in the instances where their current access will be impacted?

**6392. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport; Planning:**

I refer to the Abernethy Road rail crossing works in Byford, and I ask:

- (a) Will you please provide an update regarding the progress of these works;
- (b) Can you please explain why the works were delayed and were not completed by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's original timeframe of February, or their updated timeframe of July; and
- (c) What is the expected completion date for these works?

**6393. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Transport; Planning:**

I refer to the Mundijong Freight Realignment, and I ask:

- (a) Can you please provide the current preferred map and details in regards to the freight line along Tonkin Highway;
- (b) Have affected landowners been consulted:
  - (i) if yes, how many have been consulted and when; and
  - (ii) if no, how many need to be consulted and when will this occur;
- (c) I note that the planning study was due to be completed in late 2020, can you please provide an update regarding the progress of this study;
- (d) Can you please provide an update on the timeline of the overall project;
- (e) What is the anticipated cost of the realignment; and
- (f) Can you please explain the change in routes as shown in the Main Roads map, published in February 2020, compared with maps produced and published by Cardno for the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale in August 2017, March 2017, and an earlier version in May 2016?

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**KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly