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**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

8475. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

I refer to funding for maintenance to Culture and the Arts infrastructure responded to in Question on Notice No. 8130, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide a list of the 'known high priority works' referred to in the reply, and if not, why not;
- (b) how much is allocated for each work, when will work begin, and when will work be completed; and
- (c) how much has been allocated for the assessments being carried out by the Department of Culture and the Arts and the Department of Finance's Building Management and Works?

8476. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Housing

In relation to the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) and Yaran Property Group developments at Little Grove:

- (a) can the Minister please provide an explanation as to how and why the Department considers Little Grove to be a priority area of interest under the scheme;
- (b) the Department claims, in relation to the development, that in regional areas it can take a more relaxed view to proximity to services and greater distances to services can be tolerated. Yet there is no provision in the NRAS Act for such a view to be taken. On what basis was such a relaxation exercised and why;
- (c) the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs website states that typically, NRAS dwellings are indistinguishable from other

middle-market dwellings. Yet these developments are comprised solely of single bedroom units on mainly 200 square metre lots, and are starkly out of character with the surrounding middle-market dwellings of established family housing on a minimum quarter-acre and larger semi-rural blocks. Why does the Department of Housing consider that the Yaran Group proposals are indistinguishable from other middle-market dwellings in Little Grove;

- (d) the Department has stated that the one-bedroom design of these dwellings is suited to retirees. On what basis has it determined that these units are suited to retirees in the absence of public transport, medical services, supermarkets and pharmacies in the Little Grove area;
- (e) the Department has stated that the NRAS does allow for extensions where there are events outside the applicant's control, such as planning delays, and suggests that it will grant a 12-month extension to Yaran's 30 June 2012 development deadline despite the fact that Yaran's original application did not comply with a number of planning codes as well as NRAS eligibility criteria. Why was an extension granted for these developments; and
- (f) Little Grove is over 10 kilometres away from all services except for a primary school and a tourist-oriented convenience store. If there was an application for NRAS funding for a development 10 kilometres outside any other town in the South West would the application be treated as favourably, and if not, then on what basis would it be treated differently, given that the availability of services would be similar?

8477. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

In relation to the Hummerston House heritage building on the Esplanade, I ask:

- (a) has the Minister or the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority requested approval or undertaken without approval the removal of the dressing rooms from the heritage building which is to be preserved;
- (b) will the Minister table any advice he has received or sought regarding the dressing rooms;
- (c) has the Minister sought or provided any other heritage advice regarding further changes to the Hummerston building, its storage or future use; and
- (d) will the Minister table that advice, and if not, why not?

8478. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

I refer to the recurrently-funded organisations addressed in the answer to Question on Notice No. 8129, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide a list of these organisations, and the amount of recurrent funding received by each organisation; and
- (b) if not, why not?

8479. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

Will the Minister please table a detailed list of all the awarded tenders and contracts for the Elizabeth Quay/Waterfront Project to date?

8480. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Housing

In relation to the new multi-residential homes completed this year at 140–142 Cobb Street, Doubleview:

- (a) are these homes owned by the Department of Housing;
- (b) if so, what was the date of practical completion of these homes;
- (c) why are these homes not yet occupied by tenants;
- (d) if these homes are to be rented out, by what date is this to be done; and



- (e) if these homes are to be sold, by what date is this to be done?

8481. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Housing

- (1) How many Orders have been made by the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) for the appointment of a guardian for an adult person in the first seven months of 2012?
- (2) How many of the Orders made by the SAT for the appointment of a guardian for an adult person, in the first seven months of 2012, were for a person under the care of a hospital or registered age care facility?

8482. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Sport and Recreation

I refer to speculation about the future of Patersons Stadium in Subiaco and ask:

- (a) what consultation has the Government undertaken in regard to the future of Patersons Stadium;
- (b) has any funding been put aside from the \$700 million Burswood Stadium to undertake consultations, future redevelopment or usage for Patersons Stadium;
- (c) does the Government want to retain Patersons Stadium as a football venue;
- (d) if not, what income stream will the Western Australian Football Commission use to maintain its viability;
- (e) if the West Coast Eagles do not use Patersons Stadium as a base will the Western Australian Football League Clubs be able to negotiate lease arrangements with the Western Australian Football Commission to use Patersons Stadium; and
- (f) does the Government envisage a future for Leederville Oval if co-tenants Subiaco Football Club and East Perth Football Club relocate to Patersons Stadium?

8483. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier

I refer to the Government's intention to sell 5.8 hectares of land to Crown for the purposes of a new hotel, and I ask:

- (a) who provided the Government with the valuation of the land;
- (b) was a written valuation provided to the Government, and if yes:
- (i) did that valuation specifically take into account that that land needed to be remediated; and
- (ii) if so, what was the estimated value of the cost to remediate the land;
- (c) the Premier said in Parliament on 9 August 2012 that the valuation was provided from within Government. Which Government departments/agencies provided those valuations; and
- (i) were they written valuations; and
- (ii) on what date were the valuations provided to Government;
- (d) specifically, what remediation is required on the land;
- (e) did the Government obtain a written costing of the likely cost to remediate the land, and if so, who provided that costing and when;
- (f) will the Government provide copies of any valuation of the land and the costings for its remediation;
- (g) in Parliament on 9 August 2012, the Premier stated that Burswood still has an entitlement to acquire further land, and I ask:
- (i) how much further land is Burswood entitled to acquire; and
- (ii) have any approaches been made by Burswood to the Government to acquire this land, and if so, when were the approaches made and over which land were the approaches made;

- (h) in Parliament on 9 August 2012 the Premier stated that Burswood has an entitlement to purchase an additional 10 hectares, and I ask:
  - (i) from what clause of the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Act 1985 does Burswood have an entitlement to acquire an additional 10 hectares of land;
  - (ii) on what date did Burswood officially notify the Government of their intent to exercise their entitlement to purchase an additional 5.8 hectares of land; and
  - (iii) in Burswood's notification of their intent to exercise its entitlement to purchase 5.8 hectares of land, did Burswood have estimations of the value of the land, and if so, what were those estimations;
- (i) what consideration was given to the impact of the Premier's decision to facilitate Crown to place a hotel and associated car parking areas on land sold from the Burswood Golf Course to the residents located on the Peninsula estate immediately to the east and adjoining the proposed site;
- (j) will those residents be afforded an opportunity to have any influence on the size, shape and specific positioning of structures and associated car parking areas on the land immediately to their west; and
- (k) is there an intent to provide monetary compensation to those residents whose property values will be affected?

8484. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

- (1) Is the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) closing down or reducing its financial advice service to members, and if yes:
  - (a) why; and
  - (b) when will the financial advice service be withdrawn?
- (2) Is GESB still taking appointments from members for financial advice, and if no, how many members have had their appointments for financial advice cancelled or referred to another provider?
- (3) Is GESB providing members with alternative financial advisors, and if so, who?
- (4) Can the Treasurer confirm that those members who have paid for financial advice from GESB in the past are entitled to ongoing financial advice at a reduced rate or at no charge?
- (5) How many GESB members have previously paid for financial advice?

8485. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Cathlabs at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Fremantle Hospital and Royal Perth Hospital, and ask:

- (a) what is the average cost per procedure, per public patient at each hospital;
- (b) are any of these costs recoverable from Medicare, and if so what is the average amount back from Medicare per procedure; and
- (c) will the Cathlab at Fremantle continue once Fiona Stanley Hospital is operational?

8486. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to the mobile dental clinics provided by the public dental health services to Western Australians in regional and remote areas, and ask:

- (a) please list which regional and remote communities in Western Australia have received a mobile clinic public dental service in 2010, 2011 and 2012 to date;
- (b) how many of these visits were to communities that are considered remote indigenous communities;
- (c) how frequently are these regional and remote communities visited (for example, what is the average time gap between mobile clinic visits); and

- (d) what is the average cost per each mobile clinic visit to remote indigenous communities?

8487. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to the linear accelerator, which provides radiation therapy for cancer patients, planned for the Genesis Care facility on Shenton Avenue in Joondalup, which is set to open in late 2012, and ask:

- (a) has the State Government contributed towards the capital costs of this facility, and if so, how much;
- (b) is the facility still on track to open by late 2012, and if not, when is the expected opening date;
- (c) can the Minister please clarify whether:
  - (i) this a completely public facility whose operation has been contracted to the private sector (Genesis Care) that will only treat public patients;
  - (ii) it is a joint public-private facility which will treat public and private patients (for example, charging the State Government on a cost per procedure basis for public patients); or
  - (iii) this facility will only treat private patients;
- (d) when is the linear accelerator at Genesis Care in Joondalup expected to be operational; and
- (e) once it is operational, will patients who reside in the northern suburbs who would have previously been treated at inner city locations such as Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital or Queen Elizabeth II now be referred to Genesis Care?

8488. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands

Regarding the system of land release currently in place in Port and South Hedland, will the Minister advise:

- (a) where can local families, who are keen to purchase land in Port or South Hedland as owner occupiers, go for information on current or upcoming land releases;
- (b) do local government departments or local real estate agents have any clear advice for families as to current release strategies and dates, which are said to be waiting Ministerial decision;
- (c) has there been a decision taken to cancel the release of land by a ballot process in Hedland, and if so, what alternative land release process has been adopted;
- (d) when will local families be advised of these processes so that they can position their investments and residential accommodation strategies to suit;
- (e) what will the Department do to ensure that local families have every opportunity to invest in making Hedland their home; and
- (f) what assurance can the Minister give local families that land will be available for them to take up when they have their finances in place and they are ready to buy?

8489. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Premier

I refer to the Reports on Consultants engaged by Government, which are tabled periodically, and I ask:

- (a) what is the definition of a consultant for the purposes of these reports;
- (b) does this definition include the employment of persons on short-term contracts but who are not members of the public sector, and if not, why not; and
- (c) of what value must a consultancy be before it is referred to in the tabled reports?

8490. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Attorney General

When is it anticipated that foetal homicide laws will be introduced into Parliament?

8491. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Attorney General

- (1) I refer to the white paper on the future of Justices of the Peace (JP) under consideration by the government since 2010, and I ask, what is the government doing to respond to that paper?
- (2) With reference to reports that funding for JP training has been cut, I ask:
  - (a) what was the reason for this decision; and
  - (b) how will the Minister ensure that standards are maintained?

8492. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Education

I refer to government schools earmarked as being in bushfire prone areas, and I ask:

- (a) please provide a list of those schools; and
- (b) for each of the schools listed, please indicate which have had ember guards fitted?

8493. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

I refer to concerns expressed by bushfire brigade members following the Margaret River fires that their training for structural fires was inadequate, and I ask:

- (a) whose responsibility is it to deliver such training;
- (b) what programs has the Fire and Emergency Services Authority got to deliver structural fire training to bushfire brigade members and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service members; and
- (c) for the years 2010–2011, 2011–2012 and 2012–2013 (to date) please outline the programs delivered, the location of the training and how many personnel received that training?

8494. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

I refer to the contract for the maintenance of metropolitan fire stations by Spotless, and ask:

- (a) what is the value of this contract;
- (b) when is this contract due to expire;
- (c) what is the standard charge under the contract for the following:
  - (i) call out;
  - (ii) changing washer on a tap;
  - (iii) changing a lightglobe;
  - (iv) installing a lock on a door; and
  - (v) fixing a broken window; and
- (d) can the Minister confirm that under the existing contract, none of these minor repairs can be undertaken by officers in the station?

8495. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Health

I refer to the proposed road trauma counselling service, and ask:

- (a) when will this service be set up;
- (b) what will be its annual budget;
- (c) what agency will have oversight of it; and
- (d) where will the funds be sourced to fund it?

8496. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Road Safety

I refer to the proposed road trauma counselling service, and ask:

- (a) when will this service be set up;
- (b) what will be its annual budget;
- (c) what agency will have oversight of it; and

(d) where will the funds be sourced to fund it?

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