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7582. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

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7584. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Health

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7587. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Regional Development

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7588. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism

In relation to an article in *The West Australian* on 5 March 2012 by respected Indonesia Institute chairman Ross Taylor, stating: Indonesia has a huge and emerging middle-class who wants to travel, and considering a March 7 2012 Lowry Institute poll in Indonesia which showed a huge untapped market for tourists and trade on our doorstep, I ask:

- (a) how much does Tourism Western Australia spend promoting Western Australia as an attractive and vibrant destination for Indonesians;
- (b) does the Minister believe Indonesia is a viable market to target for tourism opportunities;
- (c) will the Minister target the lucrative Indonesian tourism market, and if not, why not; and

- (d) does the Minister you know how many Indonesians visited Western Australia in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 to date?

7589. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Education

With respect to the contract awarded in 2011 to Smith Construction for replacement and upgrading of school playground equipment in some government schools, I ask:

- (a) how many schools were to receive improved playground equipment through this contract;
- (b) when was this contract awarded;
- (c) was there a date or dates for completion of this work, and if so, what were they;
- (d) what was the value of this contract;
- (e) which schools by name were to receive the improved playgrounds; and
- (f) for each school, on what date did work commence and on what date was the work completed, or if not yet completed, what is the anticipated completion date?

7590. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Transport

In relation to the new railway track and turnaround zone to be constructed at East Perth Train Station which you referred to in question time on March 21, 2012, I ask:

- (a) what consultation has the Minister or his department undertaken with nearby residents regarding the siting, construction period and operation times of this new track and railway zone;
- (b) exactly where will this zone and new track be located;
- (c) what is the cost of this new track and zone;
- (d) what is the minimum buffer zone required between these new works and nearby residents; and
- (e) when will work start and when will it be completed?

7591. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the \$156,002 for the stage and infrastructure for the Big Aussie Barbeque that occurred during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and I ask:

- (a) what specific goods and services were acquired by the payment of the amount of \$156,002;
- (b) were tenders called for the provision of these goods and services, and if yes:
 - (i) when were tenders issued;
 - (ii) who were the successful tenderers;
 - (iii) how much did each successful tenderer receive; and
 - (iv) who were the unsuccessful tenderers; and
- (c) if no to (b), why were tenders not called; and
- (d) which individual and organisations received payments, and how much did each receive?

7592. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 6813 regarding information and details on the tender process for the Riverside Project and I ask, given that the timeline for the finalising of the final cost,

tender winner and timelines for the project has passed, will the Minister now provide the following information:

- (a) what is the cost and the timeline of the first public works project to deliver the relocation of existing power, communication and irrigation services; soil and groundwater remediation works; and site stabilisation;
- (b) has the tender been let, and to whom;
- (c) what is the cost and the timeline for the second stage which will realign the existing slip lane from Hay Street onto the Causeway, build a new two-way road between Trinity College and the Western Australia Cricket Association, and re-open Hale Street to private vehicles and two-way traffic; and
- (d) if not, why not?

7593. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the \$158,490 for media for the Big Aussie Barbeque that occurred during Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and I ask:

- (a) what specific goods and services were acquired by the payment of the amount of \$158,490;
- (b) were tenders called for the provision of these goods and services, and if yes:
 - (i) when were tenders issued;
 - (ii) who were the successful tenderers;
 - (iii) how much did each successful tenderer receive; and
 - (iv) who were the unsuccessful tenderers;
- (c) if no to (b), why were tenders not called; and
- (d) which individual and organisations received payments, and how much did each receive?

7594. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the \$48,880 for market research for the Big Aussie Barbeque that occurred during Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and I ask:

- (a) what specific goods and services were acquired by the payment of the amount of \$48,880;
- (b) were tenders called for the provision of these goods and services, and if yes:
 - (i) when were tenders issued;
 - (ii) who were the successful tenderers;
 - (iii) how much did each successful tenderer receive; and
 - (iv) who were the unsuccessful tenderers;
- (c) if no to (b), why were tenders not called; and
- (d) which individual and organisations received payments, and how much did each receive?

7595. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the \$65,660 for the Perth sign for the Big Aussie Barbeque that occurred during Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and I ask:

- (a) what specific goods and services were acquired by the payment of the amount of \$65,660;
- (b) were tenders called for the provision of these goods and services, and if yes:
 - (i) when were tenders issued;
 - (ii) who were the successful tenderers;
 - (iii) how much did each successful tenderer receive; and
 - (iv) who were the unsuccessful tenderers;
- (c) if no to (b), why were tenders not called; and
- (d) which individual and organisations received payments, and how much did each receive?

7596. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the \$121,753 paid in project management fees for the Big Aussie Barbeque that occurred during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and I ask:

- (a) was this paid to a contractor, if yes, who was this contractor; and
- (b) how was the contractor selected, and what other individuals or organisations tendered for the work; and
- (c) If no to (a), to which agency was this fee paid?

7597. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to Premier's media release of 13 October 2011 headed, Local groups benefit from Big Aussie Barbecue, and I ask:

- (a) is it true that the event was made possible by Bunnings and Coles, which were supplying the barbecues, food and drinks and providing staff to operate each stall, and if yes:
 - (i) what costs were included in the payment of \$131,653 for barbecues and food disclosed in tabled paper 4296, and why was this payment required; and
 - (ii) what costs were included in the payment of \$182,204 for staff costs disclosed in tabled paper 4296, and why was this payment required?

7598. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the \$197,716 for fencing for the Big Aussie Barbeque that occurred during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and I ask:

- (a) what specific goods and services were acquired by the payment of the amount of \$197,716;
- (b) were tenders called for the provision of these goods and services, and if yes:
 - (i) when were tenders issued;
 - (ii) who were the successful tenderers;
 - (iii) how much did each successful tenderer receive; and
 - (iv) who were the unsuccessful tenderers;
- (c) if no to (b), why were tenders not called; and
- (d) which individual and organisations received payments, and how much did each receive?

7599. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier

I refer to the \$172,387 for security for the Big Aussie Barbeque that occurred during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and I ask:

- (a) what specific goods and services were acquired by the payment of the amount of \$172,387;
- (b) were tenders called for the provision of these goods and services, and if yes:
 - (i) when were tenders issued;
 - (ii) who were the successful tenderers;
 - (iii) how much did each successful tenderer receive; and
 - (iv) who were the unsuccessful tenderers;
- (c) if no to (b), why were tenders not called; and
- (d) which individual and organisations received payments, and how much did each receive?

7600. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Police

- (1) In relation to the fatal stabbing of 40 year old Graham Stanley Wallum in his Brunswick Junction home on Sunday 4 March 2012, and attempts of residents to call police for assistance, I ask:
 - (a) was a call made to the Australind Police Station to report the incident and was that call diverted to Perth;
 - (b) did the person taking the call advise the resident reporting the incident that they had no idea where Brunswick Junction was;
 - (c) why weren't police dispatched immediately when the resident told the operator the late Mr Graham Wallum was banging on the resident's door;
 - (d) why did the operator tell the caller that the person banging on the door was harmless and that the caller should ring Australind police station in the morning;
 - (e) what time was the first call reporting this event recorded;
 - (f) how many calls were logged to report this event;
 - (g) are recordings of these calls available;
 - (h) what time were the police dispatched to attend the event; and
 - (i) what time did the police arrive at the Mr Wallum's property?

7601. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to the scandal around Poly Implant Prosthete (PIP) breast implants, in which industrial grade silicon was used instead of medical grade silicon resulting in rupture rates as high as 34 per cent and further medical complications, and ask:

- (a) estimations by the Therapeutic Goods Association show that at least 12,000 PIP implants have been sold in Australia, does the Minister acknowledge that there are potentially over a thousand Western Australian women with PIP implants;
- (b) will the Department of Health cover the cost of ultrasounds for Western Australian women with PIP implants, who have no private health insurance, to determine whether or not their implants have ruptured; and

- (c) given that many affected women cannot afford to have their implants removed, will the Minister consider the case for Western Australian women with ruptured implants to have their implants removed via the public elective surgery waitlist?

7602. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs

In relation to Local Government elections held in Western Australia, I ask:

- (a) what is the total number of complaints received by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) in relation to alleged breaches of the *Local Government Act 1995* where the allegation is that election material was not correctly authorised, for every Local Government election held between January 2008 and March 2012; and
 - (i) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the total number of complaints of this type against the relevant Local Government elections;
 - (ii) in how many cases were charges laid or disciplinary action instigated; and
 - (iii) in how many subsequent prosecutions have the WAEC been successful?

7603. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Local Government

I refer to the process of dealing with applications from local government authorities for a reduction in their meeting quorum, and I ask:

- (a) how many applications to reduce a meeting quorum have been received since October 2008;
- (b) will the Minister table a list of those applications and the outcome in each case, and if not, why not;
- (c) has the approval process for these applications been delegated by the Minister to the Department of Local Government, and if so, when was it delegated and for what reason;
- (d) what written policy setting is in place to guide the decision maker in reference to such quorum applications;
- (e) when was the policy written and will the Minister table the policy, and if not, why not?

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