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The following questions were asked on Wednesday, 30 April 2008. In accordance with the Standing Orders, answers are required by email to TableOffice@parliament.qld.gov.au by Friday, 30 May 2008.

639 **MR CHOI** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY (MS BOYLE)—

With reference to the proposed closure of the Fisher & Paykel plant in the Redlands—

Will she advise what is planned to render assistance to re-train and re-skill workers at the plant?

640 **MS MALE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND SPORT (MS SPENCE)—

Would she advise the House on how the Queensland Police Service is cracking down on drug production and supply in this State and what steps are being taken particularly in relation to outlaw motor cycle gangs?

641 **MRS SCOTT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND SPORT (MS SPENCE)—

With reference to the proposed Marsden Police Station on Browns Plains Road—

(1) What stage has current planning reached?

(2) When will work commence on the building?

642 **MS LEE LONG** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

With reference to the Irvinebank State Treatment Works and the dispersal of property to the rightful owner/owners—

What progress has been made in relation to this matter?

643 **MR MOORHEAD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION (MR MCNAMARA)—

Will the Minister outline what the State Government is doing to allow Queenslanders to recycle waste away from home?

- 644 **MS JARRATT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—
 Would the Minister detail the results of the latest COAG meeting on the Murray Darling Basin and what it means for Queensland irrigators?
- 645 **MR FOLEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (MR SCHWARTEN)—
 With reference to the constant queries my office receives regarding housing (both public and private)—
 What public housing is currently available and what is under construction or in the planning stage to overcome the need for more affordable housing in the Maryborough Electorate?
- 646 **MR HAYWARD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES, MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS, SENIORS AND YOUTH (MS NELSON-CARR)—
 With regards to the Homeless Persons Information Queensland Service—
 (1) How much funding was provided to the service last financial year?
 (2) How many calls did the service handle?
 (3) Do staff of the service make contact on behalf of callers with agencies providing emergency accommodation to alleviate any additional financial burden placed on already stressed people?
- 647 **MR LAWLOR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES (MR MULHERIN)—
 How does the annual scholarship scheme operated by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries for science faculty students benefit scientific research in the primary sector?
- 648 **MS DARLING** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—
 Will the Minister explain what Queensland Rail is doing to improve timetabling on the Shorncliffe line?
- 649 **MR LEE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION (MR MCNAMARA)—
 Will the Minister provide details of government strategies to encourage renewable energy use?
- 650 **MR WENDT** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN WESTERN QUEENSLAND (MR SHINE)—
 Will the Minister advise (a) the total number of people in the Ipswich West Electorate in each of the categories of JP (Qualified) and JP and Commissioner for Declarations and (b) what services and/or support are available to assist them perform their duties?
- 651 **MR BOMBOLAS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION (MR MCNAMARA)—
 Would the Minister provide details of the Government's Public Place Recycling Project and how it will help encourage more recycling and ultimately reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
- 652 **MRS LAVARCH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES (MR MULHERIN)—
 With reference to the ban on fishing in the North Pine Dam as a result of the drought—
 (1) What level of capacity does the dam need to reach for recreational fishing to be reinstated?
 (2) When the dam reaches this threshold level will assistance be given to the local fishing group to help restore the fish population in the dam?

- 653 **MRS ATTWOOD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (MR SCHWARTEN)—
How will QFleet contribute to the fight against climate change by minimising emissions?
- 654 **MRS SULLIVAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (MR SCHWARTEN)—
(1) How much money has been provided through the State Government's Memorial Restoration Fund to assist in upgrading community war memorials?
(2) What has been done to assist memorials in the Pumicestone Electorate?
- 655 **MRS MILLER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND SPORT (MS SPENCE)—
Would the Minister outline what measures the State Government has in place to stop 'hooning' in suburban areas?
- 656 **MR WELLS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION (MR MCNAMARA)—
Will the Minister advise as to the environmental consequences of the fire at the tannery in the Narangba Industrial Estate on 28 April?
- 657 **MR FENLON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR WILSON)—
As the State Government has embraced low-carbon energy production and clean coal technologies by implementing three demonstration projects of national and international significance—
Would the Minister provide an update on the progress of ZeroGen, the CS Energy Oxyfuel Project and the Fairview Power Project?
- 658 **MR JOHNSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND SPORT (MS SPENCE)—
Will the Minister provide a breakdown by region (listed separately) of where convicted paedophiles are living?
- 659 **MR SEENEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—
Will the Minister provide details of the Main Roads Queensland study into the department's own commissioned work on the Captain Cook Bridge?
- 660 **MR PURCELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—
How many commuters have chosen the go card since its introduction?
- 661 **MR WEIGHTMAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR WILSON)—
Would the Minister outline what the Government is doing to push forward research into clean coal technology?
- 662 **MR LANGBROEK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR ROBERTSON)—
How many infringement notices (smoking fines) have been issued for offences under the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act since 1 July 2006 (detailed by month and district), and how many have been paid?
- 663 **MR HOPPER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR WELFORD)—
Will the Minister provide all high priority maintenance budgets for each State School for the current year and last year?

- 664 **MR DICKSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTS)—
(1) Why is Queensland the only Australian State without bariatric ambulances available to patients?
(2) Why are bariatric patients denied access to the emergency ambulance services available to all other Queenslanders?
- 665 **MR ELMES** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND SPORT (MS SPENCE)—
Does the compilation of Queensland Police Service statistics accurately reflect every phone call, piece of correspondence or email received reporting a crime or only those that are determined by the police to be actionable?
- 666 **MR DEMPSEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND SPORT (MS SPENCE)—
As Bundaberg's Police Liaison Officers spent their entire annual budget during the first four months of the financial year providing a much needed service, what is being done to ensure the service receives adequate funding for all of the 2008-09 financial year?
- 667 **MR KNUTH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—
Would the Minister provide the number of operational electric locomotives and diesel locomotives (separately) used to haul coal in 2004 and 2008 respectively?
- 668 **MR STEVENS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—
Will the Minister provide statistics on peak-hour train performance over the last 12 months (broken down by month)?
- 669 **MRS STUCKEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CHILD SAFETY AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (MRS KEECH)—
With regard to Child Health Passports—
(1) How many eligible children in out-of-home care, reported separately by age and zone, have not received a full initial medical assessment?
(2) What is the total percentage of eligible children in out-of-home care who have not received this initial medical health assessment?
(3) How many children with a Child Health Passport have required further treatment after the initial assessment?
- 670 **MR MESSENGER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR ROBERTSON)—
Will the Minister provide the rates of sexually transmitted disease in Indigenous communities, listed by age of patient, and for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 to date?
- 671 **MR COPELAND** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR WELFORD)—
Will the Minister outline how much it will cost the Queensland Government and non-government schools to implement the Federal Government's policy of providing laptops to school students (as outlined during the 2007 federal election), reported by each sector (State schools, Catholic schools, Independent schools)?
- 672 **MISS SIMPSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (MR SCHWARTEN)—
With regard to Question on Notice No. 181 asked on 26 February 2008—

Will the Minister advise the individual locations and respective cost of the caravan parks and motels purchased by the Government (reported separately) as an option for affordable housing throughout Queensland since January 2007?

673 **MR MCARDLE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR WELFORD)—

Will he provide statistical details for Queensland Government schools in the Cairns Coastal Education District and reported separately for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 to date regarding (a) the numbers of students suspended and expelled in each school, (b) the different reasons for the suspensions and expulsions, and the numbers of each reason in the Cairns Coastal Education District and (c) the percentages of student attendance rates in the Cairns Coastal Education District for each Queensland Government school (reported separately)?

674 **MR HORAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES (MR MULHERIN)—

With reference to the draft Moreton Bay Marine Park Zoning Plan—

- (1) As the department responsible for the management of sustainable fishing, will the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) be represented on the committee to determine the Moreton Bay Marine Park Structural Adjustment Package and, if so, how many DPI&F representatives will be on the committee?
- (2) In relation to any new licensing arrangements for commercial fishing under the Moreton Bay Marine Park Zoning Plan, will these licences be issued by DPI&F like all other fishing licences in the State?

675 **MR GIBSON** ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (MR LUCAS)—

With reference to the actions of the Queensland Government owned corporation, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWIPL), and the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) being negotiated for land in the Mary Valley designated for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam—

- (1) Will he provide a breakdown of those properties purchased by the Queensland Government through QWIPL where it has been determined that native title has been extinguished?
- (2) Will he advise if he is aware of any areas where native title has been extinguished that have been subject to or included in an ILUA sought by the Government and under what circumstances this occurred?

676 **MR MALONE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTS)—

As the south west region is the only area in Queensland without a dedicated rescue helicopter service, instead relying on responses from other regions and also the Careflight Toowoomba helicopter which is funded by the public and given that the number of incidents would certainly appear to warrant it—

Will he give an undertaking to the people of south west Queensland that the Government will now assist with funding of a 24/7 Toowoomba Careflight base so these people don't have to go on feeling like second class citizens?

677 **DR FLEGG** ASKED THE TREASURER (MR FRASER)—

Will he detail (including, if available, documentation) the cost and benefit analysis that was performed to support/inform the Government's decision to sell Queensland's airport assets, including comparative studies performed with alternative funding strategies?

678 **MR HOBBS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MR PITT)—

As he would be aware new councils are working very hard to consolidate staff, rate databases, computer systems and other council infrastructure in amalgamated councils—

Will he advise the estimated cost to set up the telecommunication links within each amalgamated council office in Queensland (reported separately and on a council by council basis)?

679 **MR HINCHLIFFE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

Will he provide information to keen gardeners on Brisbane's northside about initiatives to help them to use greywater?

680 **MRS CUNNINGHAM** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR ROBERTSON)—

As members of my electorate are concerned at a lack of access to secure or supported mental health services for Gladstone—

Will the Government support the establishment of a facility to accommodate patients from chronic to transitional treatments?

681 **MRS PRATT** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN WESTERN QUEENSLAND (MR SHINE)—

With reference to constituents who have raised concerns that the traditional common law rights attached to freehold land in Queensland have been extinguished, and as these concerns arose from a recent legal case where Judge McPherson JJA of the Queensland Court of Appeal in *Bone v Mothershaw* [2002] QCA120 stated 'he retains unimpaired, for what it is worth, his estate in fee simple absolute in the land. He has been stripped of virtually all the powers which make ownership of land of any practical utility or value'—

- (1) What steps will the Queensland Government take to restore the rights of property owners?
- (2) Are there any treaties, national and international, or any other mechanism by which the common law rights of freehold property in Queensland can be overridden?
- (3) Who is the holder of public and private land title deeds?

682 **MRS MENKENS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR ROBERTSON)—

Will he provide all Queensland Health reports on safety and security in its facilities in the Torres Strait for the last five years?

683 **MR RICKUSS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

How many tanks have been subsidised under the new Home WaterWise Rebate Scheme for February, March and April 2008 and how do these figures compare to February, March and April 2007?

684 **MR WETTENHALL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION (MR MCNAMARA)—

Will he advise the House what initiatives are being put in place by the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce and minimise carbon emissions?

685 **MR SPRINGBORG** ASKED THE PREMIER (MS BLIGH)—

Will she list, by department, the number of public servants whose jobs are dedicated to media or public relations?

686 **MR WELLINGTON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to the upgrade needs of the Burnside State High School—

When will the works reported in *The Courier-Mail* be attended to?

687 **MR CRIPPS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION (MR MCNAMARA)—

- (1) Have any applications been received by his department seeking permission for dredging to be undertaken in any part of the Ross Creek in Townsville in the last two years?
- (2) Will he provide the name of the organisations, businesses or other entities that have submitted such applications for dredging to occur in the Ross Creek in Townsville in the last two years?
- (3) Will he provide the individual names of the agents completing and submitting such applications for dredging to occur in the Ross Creek in Townsville in the last two years on behalf of any organisation, business or other entity?

688 **MR NICHOLLS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—

With reference to *go* card passenger journeys –

- (1) Will he provide a month by month breakdown of all journeys made by Citytrain passengers using the *go* card for trips travelled 10 zones or less since it was introduced (each month and rail line reported separately)?
- (2) Will he provide a month by month breakdown of all journeys made by Citytrain passengers using the *go* card for trips travelled more than 10 zones since it was introduced (each month and rail line reported separately)?

689 **MR LINGARD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

With reference to aerial spraying that has been carried out during the last two weeks in the Kerry Valley area in my electorate of Beaudesert, which caused the destruction of many acres of mature trees (including at least 1,000 that have been confirmed dead) and drift that travelled many kilometres into other districts, and as during another spraying the drift forced the evacuation of Darlington School and children have been forced to travel to Hillview School whilst Darlington School is being decontaminated—

What action will he take to ensure that such a catastrophe does not recur and what action will be taken against the landholder who is responsible for destroying property, stock water and household drinking water?