

ROADSIDE WEEDS LIST

**563. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the environmental roadside weeds list that was recently endorsed by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Will the list be published on the Department of Environment and Conservation website and the website of the Roadside Conservation Committee?
- (2) What statutory or regulatory status does the list have currently?
- (3) Is the minister planning to strengthen the statutory or regulatory status of the list in the future?
- (4) If yes to (3), what changes are planned and do they include restrictions on the propagation, sale and control of specific plants?
- (5) How are local authorities, Main Roads, DEC regions and other stakeholders being informed of the list?
- (6) Does the minister have a communication plan to inform the wider community about the list?
- (7) What control measures will the government require on the actions of custodians of roadsides and under what mechanism will this be made legally binding?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes. The list will be published on the Roadside Conservation Committee web pages on the Department of Environment and Conservation website.
- (2) None. Statutory or regulatory status applies to only these species listed as declared plants under the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.
- (3) No. Legislation governing weeds is administered through the Agriculture and Food portfolio.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Through the Roadside Conservation Committee's "VergeNotes", which are distributed to roadside managers.
- (6) No. The list was endorsed on only 7 August and DEC and the Roadside Conservation Committee will pursue communication in respect of it.
- (7) The list is advisory.