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Answer Advice

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.05 pm]: Earlier in question time today, Hon Anthony Fels asked a question to which I indicated I did not have an answer. I may have misheard the honourable member. I thought the question was directed to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. I have an answer provided by the Minister for the Environment, which is not long and is as follows —

- (1) Vegetation conservation notices may be given under section 70 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 if the chief executive officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation suspects on reasonable grounds that unlawful clearing is likely to take place, is taking place or has taken place on any land. A total of 14 vegetation conservation notices have been issued since July 2004. Nine vegetation conservation notices for private land have been given requiring the person bound by the notice to ensure that no unlawful clearing or further unlawful clearing takes place on the land. A single notice has been given for crown land requiring the person bound by the notice to ensure that no unlawful clearing or further unlawful clearing takes place on the land. A further four vegetation conservation notices for private land have been given requiring the person bound by the notice to take specified measures to repair or mitigate the environmental harm caused by the clearing.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Nine owners or occupiers have been given a vegetation conservation notice.