

MAIN ROADS — WEEDS — ROAD VERGES

863. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the growth of resistant weed populations on road verges managed by Main Roads Western Australia.

- (1) Does Main Roads regularly test or assess weed populations for herbicide resistance; and who provides these services?
- (2) How many populations of resistant weeds have been identified on main road verges and where are they located?
- (3) What procedures and policies are in place to manage herbicide resistant weed populations on road verges? Please table any relevant policies or guidelines used internally by Main Roads.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(3) Testing is conducted if potential resistance is identified. Several known populations of glyphosate-resistant rye-grass are located on multiple roads around Albany, Northam, Cranbrook Road near York and the Perth–Bunbury highway from Lake Clifton to past Bunbury and along South West Highway to Donnybrook.