

BUSH FOREVER SITES

964. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) How many blocks in the Anstey–Keane site, Bush Forever 342, have not yet been purchased?
- (2) What is the value of these blocks, what is their zoning and when does the government plan to have the purchases completed?
- (3) How many blocks in the Harrisdale Swamp site, Bush Forever 253, have not yet been purchased?
- (4) What is the value of these blocks, what is their zoning and when does the government plan to have the purchases completed?
- (5) Is the minister aware of the damage being done to these two sites by four-wheel-drive vehicles, trail bikes and illegal dumping?
- (6) What is the cost of fencing and gating these two Bush Forever sites to ensure the protection of their unique environmental values?
- (7) When will this protection be provided?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1) Two.
- (2) No current valuations have been undertaken for these lots. The lots are now fully reserved for parks and recreation following the finalisation of metropolitan region scheme amendment 1082/33, Bush Forever and related lands. One lot is subject to a current arbitration proceeding involving the payment of injurious affection compensation. It is anticipated that the arbitration award expected this month will trigger negotiations for the outright purchase of that property and possibly the remaining lot. Acquisition of these lots remains a priority of the Western Australian Planning Commission for the current and 2013–14 financial years.
- (3) Two.
- (4) No current valuations have been undertaken for these lots. Both lots are reserved for parks and recreation. Acquisition of these lots remains a priority of the Western Australian Planning Commission for the current and 2013–14 financial years. Purchase will primarily be dependent upon the actions of the landowners wishing to sell or develop their properties and the resultant consideration of claims for compensation.
- (5) Yes.
- (6)–(7) The Western Australian Planning Commission has progressively fenced land purchased for the two Bush Forever sites as the individual land parcels have been acquired. Upon the acquisition of the remaining properties, quotes would be called for the installation of fences and firebreaks.