

BLACK COCKATOO — SHOOTING

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

I refer to the recent newspaper report on 11 February 2016 about a Baudin's black cockatoo found injured from shotgun pellets in the Bridgetown area.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that a large number of black cockatoos have been found injured or killed on an orchard or farm in the Bridgetown–Manjimup area?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the species and how many birds in total have been injured or killed?
- (3) Is the Department of Parks and Wildlife investigating this incident for a possible prosecution; and, if not, why not?
- (4) If yes to (3), when will the report be finalised and a decision to prosecute be made?
- (5) How many incidents of shooting or destroying black cockatoos have been reported in the last five years, and how many of those incidents have been investigated by DPaW?
- (6) How many of those incidents investigated have led to prosecutions?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No large numbers of black cockatoos have been found injured or killed on orchards or farms in the Bridgetown–Manjimup area.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes. The Department of Parks and Wildlife is investigating the shooting of the bird found on 11 February 2016, with a view to prosecution if sufficient evidence can be obtained.
- (4) Currently there is insufficient evidence to pursue prosecution.
- (5) Five incidents have been reported over the past five years, all of which were investigated by Parks and Wildlife.
- (6) Of the matters investigated, only one resulted in prosecution.