

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE — ESPERANCE CAMPUS

542. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the request for tender BMW 03921/19 for the South Regional TAFE Esperance new replacement campus awarded to EMCO Building.

- (1) What method of clearing was used to remove Victorian tea-tree from the new replacement campus site?
- (2) Has the Department of Training and Workforce Development received any complaints regarding how the Victorian tea-tree material was transported to the disposal site?
- (3) Can the minister please outline the method of disposal of any tea-tree-related material and confirm that disposal was in accordance with the local government and statutory requirements?
- (4) Is the minister satisfied that the contractor has carried out all activities related to the clearing, transportation and disposal of Victorian tea-tree from the new replacement campus in accordance with all contractual requirements?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The plants were removed by the local subcontractor into a truck that was covered to prevent seeds dispersing. The subcontractor placed initial loads into a pit that was located on a private property by agreement with the landowner. The plants were then covered to prevent seeds dispersing. By arrangement with the Shire of Esperance, the subcontractor will dispose of future loads at the shire's waste facility.
- (2) No.
- (3) Based on advice from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the subcontractor was following proper procedures.
- (4) Yes, I am satisfied that the Department of Training and Workforce Development has worked with the Shire of Esperance to resolve all concerns related to this matter.