

MAIN ROADS — DECLARED PESTS

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

I refer to previous questions regarding the control of pests by Main Roads WA on land it controls.

- (1) What discussions have taken place between Main Roads WA and the Shire of Esperance regarding rabbits breeding on its reserves near Esperance since the minister answered question without notice 1241 last year?
- (2) What actions have been undertaken by Main Roads to quantify the extent of the problem and provide a solution to the problem to ensure that it complies with its obligations under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Main Roads initiated discussions with the Shire of Esperance and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in January 2023. Additional discussions with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will occur in March 2023.
- (2) Main Roads is aware of its responsibility under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007. It should be noted that rabbit control requires a coordinated approach to be successful over the local area, with adjacent landowners, the shire and DPIRD all working in tandem.