

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE — ESPERANCE CAMPUS

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

I refer to the minister's response to my question without notice 542 regarding request for tender BMW 03921/19 for the South Regional TAFE Esperance new replacement campus awarded to EMCO Building.

- (1) What date did the disposal of Victorian tea-tree cease at the private property and when did disposal commence at the Shire of Esperance waste disposal facility?
- (2) Why did the contractor alter the site at which it was disposing of Victorian tea-tree?
- (3) Is the minister aware that the disposal of Victorian tea-tree was taking place at a private property located within a designated groundwater precinct and adjacent to internationally recognised Ramsar wetlands, and is currently the subject of an investigation by the Shire of Esperance?
- (4) Does the minister stand by her response, given that the investigations by the Shire of Esperance have not been completed?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Disposal ceased at the private property on 1 June 2020 and commenced at the Shire of Esperance waste disposal facility.
- (2) A Shire of Esperance compliance officer contacted the contractor to redirect it to the shire's waste disposal facility.
- (3) No, I was not aware of the specifics of the location. I am aware that the matter is currently subject to an investigation by the Shire of Esperance.
- (4) Yes, I do, but this is a complex matter and I have directed the Department of Training and Workforce Development to work with the shire to ensure a suitable outcome. I have also asked today for a briefing note, because I am not satisfied that the information I am getting is just through the answers that are being provided to the honourable member. I have asked for a broader briefing note and I will then have a conversation with the member behind the Chair.