

“GREAT COCKY COUNT”

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

I refer to the survey, jointly organised by Birds Australia’s Carnaby’s Black Cockatoo Recovery Project and the Department of Environment and Conservation, known as the “Great Cocky Count”.

- (1) On what date did the Great Cocky Count take place in 2011?
- (2) How many volunteers participated in the count?
- (3) What areas were monitored?
- (4) Has DEC provided any advice or information to the minister about the results of the count?
- (5) Why have the results of the count not been released?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Environment has provided the following response —

- (1) It took place on 7 April 2011.
- (2) There were 564 volunteers recorded as having registered an interest in participating in the count, and 264 volunteers are recorded as having participated on the day.
- (3) There were 187 sites in the Department of Environment and Conservation’s Swan region, which extends from just north of Lancelin, south to Yalgorup and inland to the western edge of the Wheatbelt, and a further 19 sites outside this area.
- (4)–(5) Preliminary results have been provided to the minister, together with advice that the results required analysis, interpretation and review prior to release of a report. The report will be posted on the DEC and Birds Australia websites.