

FORREST HIGHWAY — INVASIVE WEEDS

1229. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Minister for Transport aware of the spread and prevalence of invasive weeds such as euphorbia, Arum lily and cape tulip on sections of Forrest Highway?
- (2) Has roadside mowing sped up the spread of these weeds?
- (3) What is being done to prevent these weeds infesting large stretches of land along the highway route?
- (4) How much was spent on weed containment in these areas in 2013–14 and how much is projected to be spent in 2014–15?
- (5) Is any public involvement being sought in the reporting, monitoring and/or containment of these weeds?

The PRESIDENT: You can add cotton bush to that.

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. Unfortunately, I cannot provide an answer today because quite a bit of information is required. I will be forthcoming with an appropriate response as soon as that information is available.