

CARBON FOR CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

1023. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Tenders WA website and expression of interest MLPPOS32, titled “Carbon for Conservation”, which opened on 18 August 2020 and appears to have closed on 11 September 2020.

- (1) What is the status of the carbon for conservation initiative?
- (2) How many FTE are currently employed directly to manage the carbon for conservation initiative?
- (3) How many proposals were
 - (a) received; and
 - (b) accepted?
- (4) If no proposals were accepted, what were the reasons respondents were unsuccessful, and will the EOI be reopened to provide opportunities for carbon farming service providers?
- (5) As the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions carbon for conservation website has not been updated since 18 August 2020, does the government still intend to proceed with this program; and, if yes, when will it announce that the tender has been reopened?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(5) The market-led proposal, problem and opportunity statement for carbon for conservation remains a live process and details are commercial-in-confidence. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions website will be updated at the conclusion of the process. DBCA has one carbon farming coordinator position, which also oversees the carbon for conservation initiative.