

SWAN RIVER TRUST — NUTRIENT OFFSET POLICY

6337. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Minister to the 'Draft Policy SRT/D20: Nutrient Offset Policy for the Swan Canning Catchment' and the Minister's advice on 29 June 2011 that he expected to receive an updated draft policy from the trust by mid-August, and his answer on 13 June 2012, and I ask —

- (1) Given that the public comment period closed more than two years ago on 30 July 2010, and the draft policy has been under review for more than one year, when will the policy be finalised and implemented?
- (2) If the Government have decided not to proceed with an Offset Policy for the Swan Canning Catchment, when was the decision made and why?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1)–(2) The Minister for Environment expects the Swan River Trust to provide him with a detailed briefing on this matter, including a copy of the final draft policy and the schedule of submissions in the near future. Following this, the Minister will make a decision on how the matter should proceed.