

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — PASTORAL PROPERTIES

5735. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Department for Environment and Conservation (DEC), and I ask —

- (1) How many former pastoral properties were purchased by DEC for conservation in —
 - (a) 2008–09;
 - (b) 2009–10;
 - (c) 2010–11; and
 - (d) 2011–12? (Please provide a list showing the names, locations, sizes and purchase price of each property).
- (2) What purchases are planned for —
 - (a) 2012–13;
 - (b) 2013–14; and
 - (c) 2014–15?
- (3) What is the total number of former pastoral properties now managed by DEC for conservation? Please provide a list showing the name and location and date of purchase.

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1)
 - (a) Two — Lakeside in the Murchison region, 51 528 hectares, \$320 000; and Dirk Hartog in the Gascoyne region, 61 641 hectares, \$453 862.
 - (b)–(c) Nil
 - (d) One portion of Doorawarra in the Gascoyne region, 15 134 hectares, \$37 500.
- (2) (a)–(c) None. However, any offers to sell leases will be considered on their merits.
- (3) 61 part or whole former pastoral leases. [See paper 4840], which does not include former pastoral leases that have been reserved as national parks, conservation parks or nature reserves.