

KANGAROOS — PROFESSIONAL SHOOTINGS

282. Hon PAUL LLEWELLYN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:

Further to my question without notice 177 in relation to the shooting of kangaroos in Western Australia —

- (1) Does the national code of practice for the humane shooting of kangaroos recommend shooters not shoot female kangaroos with young at foot?
- (2) If yes to (1), how is this recommendation enforced?
- (3) How do the commercial shooters determine which young at foot belong to which mother shot?
- (4) Can the minister confirm that 100 per cent of the dependent kangaroos at foot are humanely killed?
- (5) Can the minister describe how commercial shooters humanely destroy dependent offspring?
- (6) Is it not a fact that large numbers of dependent young at foot are left to die from starvation, dehydration and predation?
- (7) What is the policy reason for the substantial killing of female kangaroos and their offspring in Western Australia?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I am sorry to advise the member that I do not have a response at this stage. If it appears before the end of question time, I will be happy to provide it to him.