

WILD DOGS — CONTROL

**854. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to my letter sent to the minister on 24 August 2020 regarding wild dog management on land managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

- (1) What is the current status of all restricted chemical product permits issued to DBCA for the purpose of wild dog management activities on land under its management control in the Esperance region?
- (2) In the event that any of these permits have lapsed, is it DBCA's intention to renew the permits pending the conclusion of the current negotiations with recognised biosecurity groups, or RBGs?
- (3) If no to (2), what activities will be undertaken by either DBCA or RBGs to manage wild dogs pending the conclusion of the abovementioned negotiations?
- (4) What entity, agency or organisation is ultimately responsible for the management of wild dogs on land managed by DBCA?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question, and, indeed, his correspondence on the matter.

- (1) All permits previously held by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for wild dog management in the Esperance region have expired.
- (2)–(3) DBCA is currently working with other relevant government agencies and the recognised biosecurity groups to clarify the arrangements for the permits that are required to undertake wild dog control for agricultural protection purposes on DBCA-managed lands.
- (4) It is DBCA.