

MAIN ROADS — DECLARED PESTS

1241. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the minister's response to question without notice 1194 asked on 22 November 2022.

- (1) I understand that Main Roads Western Australia was directly advised at a regional level of rabbits breeding in road reserves under its control in the Esperance district in 2020 and 2021 and has done nothing to address the issue. On that basis, does the minister stand by her response with respect to questions (1), (3) and (4)?
- (2) Does MRWA have any arrangements or agreements in place with the Shire of Esperance, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions or any other parties specifically to control declared pests in the Esperance district?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) Main Roads does not have any record of being contacted in recent years regarding rabbit breeding within its road reserves near Esperance. Main Roads will initiate discussions with the Shire of Esperance and DBCA on this matter.