

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE — LAND FOR WILDLIFE

**297. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Environment:**

I have a supplementary question. Why is the minister seeking to kill off a highly successful voluntary conservation program that currently has 2 043 members, and many more who are queuing up to have their properties certificated as Land for Wildlife properties, bearing in mind that it covers 250 000 hectares of freehold land and over 900 000 hectares of leasehold land? The minister is making a serious mistake killing this program off; why is he doing it?

**Mr A.P. JACOB replied:**

I reiterate that we are not killing off the Land for Wildlife program. It will continue.

**Mr C.J. Tallentire:** Yes, you are. You are putting more staff off.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** No, there are staff still managing Land for Wildlife.

**Mr C.J. Tallentire** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Gosnells, I call you to order for the first time. Let the minister answer the question.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** The Land for Wildlife program will continue, and it will continue to be staffed within the Department of Parks and Wildlife. The member for Gosnells touched on the very key point of that program, which is that it has been a voluntary program up to this point, and I believe that in the future a community partnership model, coupled with those resources that still sit with the Department of Parks and Wildlife or this program, will be the best way for it to continue into the future.