

FARMERS — NATIVE VEGETATION PROTECTION

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

I have a supplementary question. Was the Premier wrong when he said that the current land clearing legislation is wrong?

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

I do not think that was what the Premier said. As I just indicated in my earlier answer, there is a range of things that I would like to look at as a new minister. I think the Premier has made a very strong point about some things in and around land clearing. Indeed, the member for Geraldton made a few comments earlier today. I am very keen as a new minister to take in all sides of this argument, and where there is work that can be done, we would like to look at that. I am sure there is a range of things that can be looked at. I assure the member that as Minister for Environment I will be ensuring that environmental values are front and centre in that, but sometimes there is a good opportunity for balance in and around those things as well.