

METRONET — NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARANCE

21. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Minister for Environment:

I congratulate the minister on his appointment and wish him well.

I note the Labor position clearly on display during the recent election that no essential infrastructure can ever be built if it would involve cutting down a tree.

- (1) How much native vegetation is the government proposing to clear for Metronet projects, such as extending the rail line to Yanchep or Ellenbrook?
- (2) Has the Minister for Environment given approval for this clearing or at least been consulted about commencing the necessary processes?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for his question and his interest in this issue.

- (1)–(2) In light of the detail that would be required to answer such a question, I ask that the member put his question on notice so that he can have a fulsome answer in the future.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! I am a trying to get around to giving members who have not yet had a chance to ask a question the opportunity.