

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — LOT 500 KARRI WAY, FERNDALE

318. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the City of Canning town planning amendment 177 under town planning scheme 40 in relation to the proposed Department of Housing development of lot 500 Karri Way, Ferndale.

- (1) Is the minister aware that the remnant bushland that forms part of lot 500 Karri Way is home to unique orchids and other plant species not found elsewhere and that it forms a wildlife corridor for arboreal birds, including the endangered black cockatoo?
- (2) Will the minister assure the community of Ferndale that this remnant bushland will be preserved?
- (3) How much of the remaining development site will be set aside as public open space?
- (4) What steps will be taken to ensure that the remnant bushland and any additional space reserved for public open space will not be damaged during the development?
- (5) Has a survey been conducted to ascertain the community's feelings about the proposed development?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) If yes to (5), how many of those surveyed were in favour of the development and how many were opposed to it?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question. The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) The minister—that is, the Minister for Housing—is aware that the site contains a pocket of remnant bushland.
- (2) Although the department has prepared an initial concept plan for the site that proposes to incorporate the bushland within public open space, future preservation of the bushland is dependent on the City of Canning, in which the public open space reserve would be vested.
- (3) Approximately 18.5 per cent.
- (4) Normal development practices utilised by the department will aim to ensure that the public open space is not damaged during development.
- (5) No formal surveys have been conducted. However, the department held a public meeting and the City of Canning sought community feedback through its preliminary consultation process.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) See part (5).