

STATE FORESTS — FIREARMS HUNTING

344. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Legislative Council report recommending a trial of hobby hunting in state forests and on public lands in Western Australia.

- (1) Has the minister's department provided him with an estimate of the cost to the state of notifying local communities, establishing warning signs, monitoring, registering, certifying marksmanship, and GPS tracking?
- (2) How will the minister ensure that there will be no conflict with non-lethal users of state forest and public lands, such as campers, bushwalkers and wildflower tourists?

Mr A.P. JACOB replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Gosnells for the question. Unfortunately, the member for Gosnells has jumped the gun a little bit on that one.

Several members interjected.

Mr A.P. JACOB: That actually was not an intended pun.

I will be bringing down my response to that report on Tuesday of next week. A standing committee of the Legislative Council has brought down a report. I have considered many of that report's recommendations.

Mr M. McGowan: Answer the question!

Mr A.P. JACOB: I will answer that question, Leader of the Opposition—yes, I will—at the appropriate time, and that is next Tuesday, and I am explaining that.

Mr M. McGowan interjected.

Mr A.P. JACOB: That is the process of this place. The Leader of the Opposition has been here for a long time. The committee has brought down its report. I have been considering its recommendations; I have absolutely sought the advice of the Department of Parks and Wildlife in considering those recommendations; and I will be delivering my response to that report next Tuesday.