

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BIODIVERSITY AUDIT

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

I refer to the Barnett government's failure to release the second Western Australian biodiversity audit.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Department of Parks and Wildlife spent over \$570 000 and involved over 125 staff in the preparation of the audit?
- (2) Given that the audit was commenced in 2012 with workshops, why has the minister failed to so far release the audit?

Mr A.P. JACOB replied:

(1)–(2) This is the first time the member for Gosnells has raised this matter with me —

Mr C.J. Tallentire: It was raised in estimates in the other place, and you signed off on questions.

Mr A.P. JACOB: No, it was not, member for Gosnells.

The SPEAKER: You have asked the question, member for Gosnells. Just answer the question, please, minister.

Mr A.P. JACOB: Pertaining to the biodiversity audit, there is no particular reason government has been holding that back. I will have to take that question on notice; it is the first time that has been raised with me.