

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY — FERTILISER PARTNERSHIP

1862. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority and ask:

- (a) the Fertiliser Partnership 2012–2016 will try to reduce nutrient loss to waterways by 50 percent, has there been any monitoring of the effectiveness of this measure to date, and what do those results indicate?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) The Fertiliser Partnership was established by the WA Government to facilitate a shared community responsibility for managing nutrient loss from fertiliser use. One objective is for the Partnership to contribute to the long term goal of a 50 per cent reduction in nutrient loss to waterways and wetlands on the Swan and Scott Coastal Plains. Signatories to the Partnership make a contribution to this overarching goal by committing to develop, promote and apply best management practice in fertiliser use.

Long term monitoring of the nutrient status of waterways is undertaken by a range of Government departments including the Swan River Trust and Department of Water.

The success of the Fertiliser Partnership will be reviewed at the conclusion of the program (2016).