

KARNET PRISON FARM — FENCING DONATION

1175. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) Can you please confirm that Karnet Prison Farm donated fencing suitable to construct or support an aviary or aviaries, to the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society of Western Australia Inc (the Society)?
- (2) If no to (1), to whom did the Karnet Prison Farm donate the fencing?
- (3) If yes to (2), was the fencing to be used at the property previously known as Cohunu Wildlife Park (Reserve 24504), for the Society?
- (4) What is the value of the fencing supplied by Karnet Prison Farm for the Society?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that all or most of the fencing was taken to 49 (Lot 100), Douglas Rd, Martin WA 6110, the private property of Mr Dewhurst, Manager of the Society?
- (6) Given that Mr Dewhurst holds a position with the Society, did Karnet Prison Farm have authority to give him fencing of this value for use on his private property?
- (7) Is any action being taken to ensure that all fencing donated by Karnet Prison Farm to the Society will be moved to the property previously known as, Cohunu Wildlife Park (Reserve 24504)?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

- (1) No. Fencing was provided together with prisoner labour as part of a Section 95 work program for a worthwhile not-for-profit Australian wildlife community project.
- (2) The section 95 work program project which utilised the fencing was the Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The fencing has no commercial value. Although the fencing may have had limited scrap metal value, the costs associated with removing the scrap metal outweighs that value. Therefore its use as part of a Section 95 program for prisoner up-skilling and repaying the community was determined to be of greater value.
- (5) The fencing required for the construct of the aviaries was taken and reassembled at the property of the Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre.
- (6) The fencing was utilised to build the aviaries and was re-assembled on-site at the premises of the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society of Western Australia Inc. The fencing was not provided for use on a private property.
- (7) No.