

FORESTCHECK

**723. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to Forestcheck, established in 2002 to monitor biodiversity in jarrah forests.

- (1) Is Forestcheck still active?
- (2) Does Forestcheck provide annual progress reports?
- (3) Why is it that the latest Forestcheck report accessible online is the 2014 report?
- (4) Will the minister table the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Forestcheck reports?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(5) No. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions provides reports periodically at appropriate times, when full complements of the data are aggregated and analysed. There are not annual reports for all years. Since 2015, DBCA has published outcomes of Forestcheck through peer-reviewed scientific journals that are available publicly. There is a 2020 report for the jarrah south ecosystem and a 2021 report for the jarrah north west ecosystem fire chronosequence. These are available through the DBCA library. I am happy to see whether they are available otherwise.