

BOOM GATES — SCARP ROAD, WAROONA

1290. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the installation of two boom gates on Scarp Road in Waroona, and I ask:

- (a) when were the two boom gates installed;
- (b) why were the two boom gates installed;
- (c) what notification was given to residents and visitors that the gates were to be installed; and
- (d) how long will the boom gates be present?

Hon Pierre Yang replied:

- (a) Temporary boom gates were installed on Scarp Road in 2003. These were made permanent in 2005.
- (b) The boom gates were installed to manage unauthorised access to the drinking water catchment, in line with standard catchment management protocols across the State.
- (c) Stakeholder Liaison Group meetings and community open evenings were held in 2002 in order for key stakeholders and the local community to provide comments on the Samson Brook drinking water catchment protection plan, which included the Scarp Road boom gates proposal. Notification was also given to local residents via an advertisement asking for public comment in the Harvey Reporter when the temporary barriers were first put up in 2003 and again in 2005 before the boom gates were made permanent.
- (d) The boom gates at Scarp Road are a permanent measure in order to protect the health of Western Australians and the long-term security of drinking water resources. The State Government has adopted the multiple barrier approach to the protection of drinking water, consistent with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 1996.