

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — VOLUNTEERS — PAID LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

1143. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Minister for the Environment's response to the question on notice 866, in which it is stated that the Western Australia Biodiversity Audit 2 cost \$571,635 of public funding, involved 110 Western Australian experts/staff on biodiversity conservation and "a final report and analysis of data were not intended outputs of Biodiversity Audit 2", yet a final report of findings and recommendations was published for Biodiversity Audit 1 in 2003, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide a list of the 110 experts/staff involved in Audit 2;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) in the response to question on notice 866, question 7, on 11 October, it is stated that "One" agency was involved in Audit 2 with input from external experts. Who were the external experts and which organisations did they represent or were employed by;
- (d) if no to (c), why not; and
- (e) why was a final report of findings and recommendations published for Audit 1 but not Audit 2?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a)–(d) There were 110 staff (107 from the former Department of Parks and Wildlife and three from other agencies) that contributed expert information. [See tabled paper no 2016] for the list of 110 experts/staff involved in Audit 2.
- (e) A final report and analysis of data were not intended outputs of Biodiversity Audit 2. The findings and analysis of Biodiversity Audit 2 are available via an online database, which is a more effective means of making this information publicly available for ongoing use.