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Dear Ms Omar

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION EMPLOYEES IN THE PILBARA**

On 1 April 2009 at the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations Subcommittee Inquiry into Public Sector Expenditure, Hon Jon Ford MLC requested information about Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) employees in the Pilbara.

DEC is a regionalized organisation. Our Full Time Equivalent (FTE) target as published in the 2008-09 Budget Statements is 1944. Staff located in regions, including the Swan Region which surrounds Perth, comprise 45% of the total FTE figure.

The boundaries of the Pilbara Region of DEC are indicated in the attached maps.

Current staff numbers located within the Pilbara Region total 66. Of these, 26 are located in Exmouth District and 40 are located in the remainder of the region, including 12 based at Karijini National Park and 3 at Millstream-Chichester National Park.

Administration support to Karratha-based staff and staff at Karijini and Millstream-Chichester National Parks is provided by four administration staff based at Karratha. Administration staff are not exclusively office based and have some operations functions in the field, particularly in emergencies.

In addition to staff based in the Pilbara Region, extensive operations, research and management support is also provided by staff based outside the Pilbara Region who travel to the region as required.

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Groups of field employees based in the south-west have also been deployed for periods in the Pilbara to undertake high-priority prescribed burning, conservation and park improvement projects.

Yours sincerely

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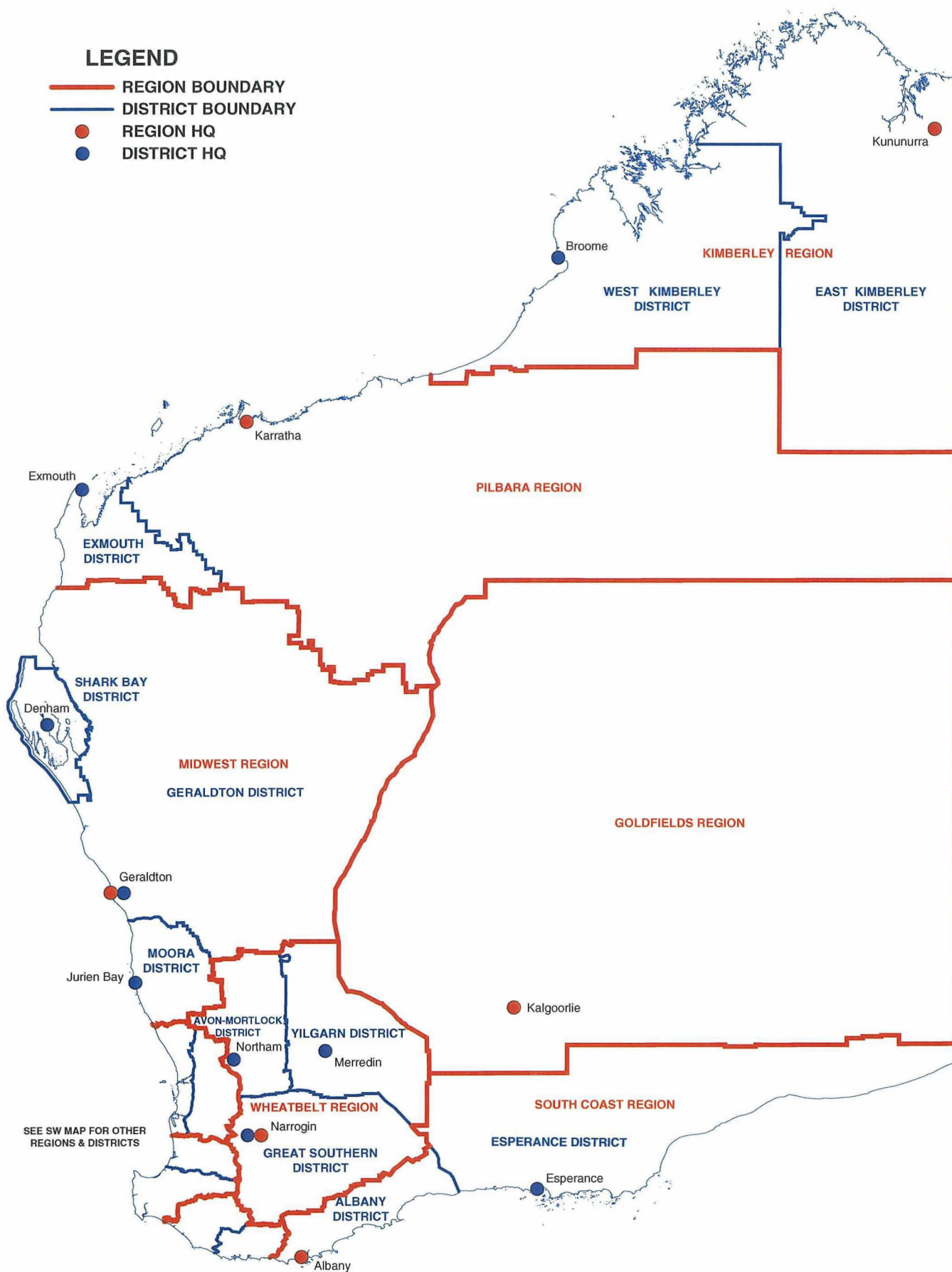
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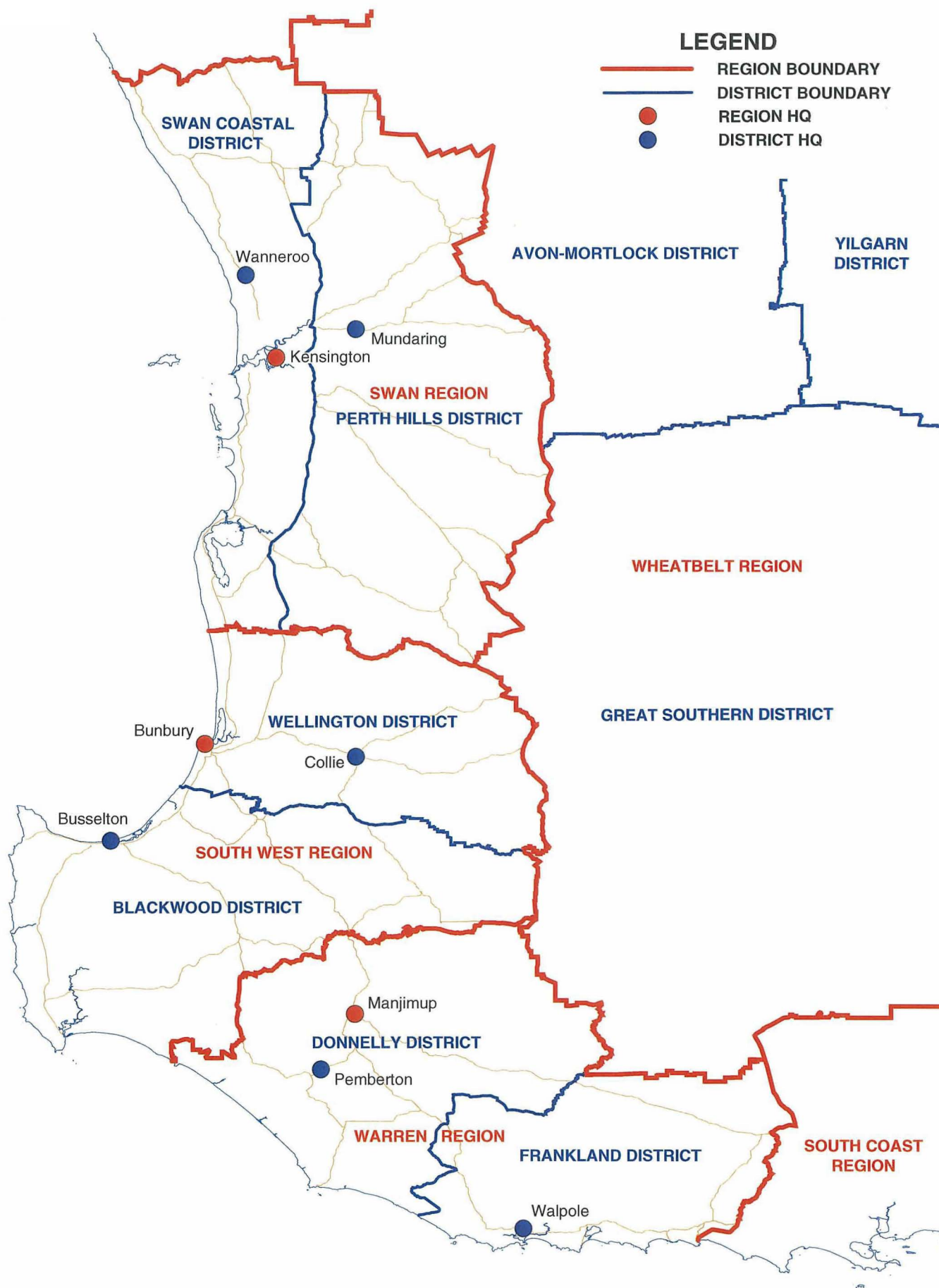
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