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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE 2012/13 ANNUAL REPORT HEARING**

**SWAN RIVER TRUST HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2013**

**HON MARTIN ALDRIDGE MLC ASKED –**

1. I refer to the proposed merger between the Swan River Trust and the Department of Parks and Wildlife and I ask:
  - a) Grants that were previously provided by the Trust were funded through the Federal Department of Environment. How will the merger affect the funding and acquittal of these grants?
  - b) Ground works including revegetation and fencing have previously been undertaken by local community groups with funding assistance from the Trust. Will this process operate differently if the budget is delivered through DPaW?
  - c) Can you please provide an indication as to how the statutory authority of the Trust will be transferred to DPaW?

**ANSWER**

- a) These will not change as there are references in the funding agreements should either party entering into the agreement change name or become a different Government agency. Funding and acquittal procedures will remain unaffected.
- b) It is too early to say. The budgeting process for these types of projects has not been determined as it is still early in the amalgamation process. It is important to note that the amalgamation will not jeopardise funding for programs or projects. These will continue to be considered on a case by case basis.
- c) This is being completed consistent with the Ministers announcement. The Swan River Trust Board will remain as an advisory body to the Minister for Environment and will provide high-level advice on the management of the Swan Canning Riverpark. The approval functions of the Board will be transferred to the CEO of the *Conservation and Land Management 1984 Act* through amendments to *Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006*. The legislative changes are still being drafted.

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