

WILD DOGS — STATE BARRIER FENCE

1145. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Environment:

This question has been hanging around for a while. We talked about this in the past.

- (1) Is the minister aware that money has been allocated to dog-proofing 100 kilometres of the state barrier fence?
- (2) Was the minister consulted on the environmental impact of this modification of the fence?
- (3) What is the likely environmental impact of dog-proofing the fence?
- (4) Will the dog-proofing impact on any threatened or endangered species?
- (5) If no to (4), what evidence supports that conclusion?
- (6) If yes to (4), what is being done to protect the threatened or endangered species?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The proposal has been discussed between the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Agriculture and Food through the State Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee process. Given the minor modifications proposed for the fence, DEC considered that there would be no additional environmental impact from the proposal and that it is viewed as a routine operational matter.
- (3) None.
- (4) No.
- (5) The current fence structure is inspected regularly to ensure that its integrity is maintained and that animals caught in the netting are removed.
- (6) See answer (5).