

TERRESTRIAL CONSERVATION ESTATE

634. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

What plans does the minister have in 2009-10 to add to the state's terrestrial conservation estate?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question. The government has very clear commitments with respect to both terrestrial and marine issues. This is something that will be looked at over the coming financial year. With respect to the Kimberley science and conservation strategy, in which Hon Sally Talbot has taken a bit of an interest over the past week, we are looking at what opportunities are available in the Kimberley, for example. That is one of the issues that will be raised in the public forums that Hon Chris Ellison will be facilitating. I have already identified in this house, through a ministerial statement, areas for potentially enhanced protection, or protection. That is both marine and terrestrial. I take that as a Kimberley example, but that is one of a number of areas that we are looking at.