

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT REVIEW —  
HAWKE REPORT

**962. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Has the Minister for Environment made any response to, or had any communication with, her federal counterparts about the Hawke report, the independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act?
- (2) If so, will the minister table her response?
- (3) If no to (2), does she intend to make such a response in the future; and, if so, when?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(3) The Western Australian government made whole-of-government submissions to the Hawke review in February and September 2009. These submissions are publicly available. Following the public release of the Hawke report on 21 December 2009, representatives of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Environment and Conservation met with commonwealth officials on 25 March 2010 to discuss the report's recommendations. The government continues to have regular discussions at departmental level with the commonwealth regarding Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act issues. I also note that the commonwealth government has not issued a formal response to the Hawke report.