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TINDALE-NORNALUP ROAD — GREAT SOUTHERN

631. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the reply to question without notice 267 on 2 April 2019 directed to the Minister for Transport in regard to Nornalup Road between Rocky Gully and Bow Bridge, for which the Shire of Plantagenet and Shire of Denmark are responsible for an estimated 16.8 kilometres.

- (1) Is the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions responsible for the remaining estimated 41 kilometres?
- (2) Is there an easement for Nornalup Road through reserve 47890?
- (3) If no to (2), does this mean that DBCA is the lead body in regard to this road, and will the department be undertaking ongoing maintenance of this popular road?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is responsible for the land on which the road exists. However, as with many public roads traversing DBCA lands without road reserves, this road has historically been managed and maintained as a local government road by the Shire of Denmark and the Shire of Plantagenet. The Shire of Denmark and the Shire of Plantagenet are currently claiming maintenance funding for these roads through the state government's State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement administered via Main Roads.
- (2) There is no current easement for Nornalup Road through reserve 47890.
- (3) The Shire of Denmark has confirmed that it will continue to maintain Nornalup Road within its local government boundary. The Shire of Plantagenet has recently advised DBCA that although it has historically managed Nornalup Road, it will no longer manage the portion of Nornalup Road within its local government boundary. DBCA will be consulting further with the Shire of Plantagenet with a view to reaching mutual agreement on a model for the future maintenance and management of the remaining portion of Nornalup Road.