

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND

198. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the two per cent efficiency dividend announced by the Treasurer on 17 April 2012 and ask —

- (1) What is the dollar value of the two per cent cut for the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (2) Can the minister assure the WA community that cuts will not be made to air quality monitoring programs and resourcing the forest management plan—two of the government’s targets in the 2009 efficiency cuts?
- (3) Will the cuts further delay the release of the government’s climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy—another victim of the 2008 cuts?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question, and in the words of Hon Robyn McSweeney, I think it was something like, “You’d be lucky!” Was that it?

Hon Liz Behjat: “Tell us you’re dreaming!”

Hon HELEN MORTON: That is it—“Tell us she is dreaming!”

- (1)–(2) The dollar value of the two per cent efficiency dividend will be announced as part of the 2012–13 budget. As announced by the Treasurer on 17 April 2012, this will not impact on front-line service delivery.
- (3) No.