

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION — GREEN JOBS PLAN

**1073. Hon DIANE EVERS to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the \$60 million of funding allocated in the budget for the green jobs plan, and the coordination and delivery of the program through the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

- (1) How much will be delivered to community environmental organisations?
- (2) Will DWER make use of the existing systems and processes of the state natural resource management office for contracting these groups, or will it create a duplicate structure to operate within DWER?
- (3) Will any of this be funded through the royalties for regions program?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) The McGowan government's \$60.3 million green jobs plan recognises the multiple benefits and job-creating potential of conservation projects. The green jobs plan is just one of the measures this government is taking to help the state recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. An initial \$2.6 million of funding for both the Offset Funds for Recovery program and native vegetation rehabilitation scheme in the 2020–21 financial year will be delivered through community organisations and natural resource management groups. It is intended that these organisations will deliver substantial elements of the green jobs plan.
- (2) DWER is partnering with a number of agencies and organisations to deliver the government's green jobs plan. The department will be making use of the existing systems and processes of the state natural resource management office to provide grant funding.
- (3) The \$25 million Healthy Estuaries WA program will continue to be funded through royalties for regions.