

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION —  
FACILITIES LEASED BY SPORTING AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

**485. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:**

I refer to question without notice 384 asked on Tuesday, 6 May 2008.

- (1) Which of the following groups currently lease facilities from the Department of Environment and Conservation —
  - (a) sporting and community groups;
  - (b) bird observatories;
  - (c) campsites, such as scouts; and
  - (d) scientific groups?
- (2) How many clubs within these groups will be affected by these rental increases?
- (3) Which of these groups have their leases up for renewal in —
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010; and
  - (c) 2011?
- (4) What additional costs will these groups incur in the future on top of the proposed rents?

**Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:**

I thank Hon Barry House for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided an answer in the following terms —

- (1) Groups across these categories currently lease facilities from the Department of Environment and Conservation. Generally, they involve a lease of the land upon which the lessee places facilities.
- (2)
  - (a) Eight sporting and community group lessees have had their rentals increased. A further four lease rentals will be increased in accordance with the schedule of rents.
  - (b) No bird observatory lessees will be affected. One has had the rental set in accordance with the schedule, and the other has not been increased as the lessee provides a management presence in the area.
  - (c) This category of campsite leases relates only to Scouts Australia. The organisation was not included in the current review of lease rentals.
  - (d) None.
- (3)
  - (a) Lease 1522/97—City of Wanneroo, aeromodelling course—expires in 2009; lease 1826/97—Denmark Clay Target Club—expires in 2009; and lease 2089/100—Yanchep Golf Club, clubhouse—expires in 2009.
  - (b) Lease 1703/97—West Australian Rifle Association, Chidlow—expires in 2010 but has an option to extend; and lease 1377/97—Shire of Collie, motorcycle scramble course—expires in 2010.
  - (c) None.
- (4) The lessees are generally responsible for all rates and taxes on the land held under lease. Crown land is not normally rateable, but local authorities can apply rates once an area is leased. The lease agreement passes the responsibility for payment to the lessee. All outgoings for water, gas, power etc are the lessee's responsibility.