

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BIODIVERSITY PLANNING GUIDELINES

6407. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

Noting that the Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines for the Perth Metropolitan Region clearly states that ‘To ensure that Local Governments invest appropriately in local biodiversity planning, it is essential that the relevant parts of Strategies are endorsed by both the Western Australian Planning Commission and the State Government’s environmental agencies’, I ask —

- (1) Which local government authorities have completed local biodiversity strategies and incorporated these strategies into their town planning schemes?
- (2) For local government authorities which have not completed local biodiversity strategies and incorporated these strategies into their town planning schemes, can the Minister provide the following information about each council’s activities in this regard —
 - (a) does the council intend to complete a local biodiversity strategy;
 - (b) what is the timeframe for completion;
 - (c) does the council intend to incorporate this strategy into its town planning scheme;
 - (d) if yes to (c), when; and
 - (e) if no to (c), why not?
- (3) What assistance or support is being provided by the Minister’s department and agencies to these councils to assist them with the process of completing the strategy?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1)–(2) The preparation of local biodiversity planning strategies is carried out by the local governments themselves, and the incorporation of these strategies into town planning schemes is coordinated with the Department of Planning. Agencies in the environment portfolio do not have information on which local government authorities have incorporated local biodiversity strategies into town planning schemes, or their state of preparation.
- (3) The Department of Environment and Conservation has provided advice and biodiversity information to local government authorities for the preparation of local biodiversity planning strategies when requested.