

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LESCHENAULT ESTUARY, MANAGEMENT

1246. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Health

- (1) Do any departments or agencies within your portfolios have responsibility, sole or part, for the management, maintenance, conservation, rehabilitation, safety, funding or administration of any facility, policy, program or any other aspect whatsoever regarding -
 - (a) the Leschenault Estuary or any land surrounding it;
 - (b) the Leschenault Peninsula;
 - (c) the Leschenault Inlet or any land surrounding it;
 - (d) the area known as 'the Cut', being the channel linking the Leschenault Estuary and Koombana Bay;
 - (e) the area known as 'the Plug', being the channel linking the Leschenault Inlet and Koombana Bay;
 - (f) the Collie River in the vicinity of the Leschenault Estuary;
 - (g) the Preston River in the vicinity of the Leschenault Estuary;
 - (h) navigation channels in the vicinity of the Leschenault Estuary and Inlet;
 - (i) dredging in the vicinity of the Leschenault Estuary and Inlet; and
 - (j) boat ramps in the vicinity of the Leschenault Estuary and Inlet?
- (2) If so, will the Minister provide full details?
- (3) Have any departments or agencies within your portfolios conducted, funded, coordinated, initiated or participated in any studies concerning the re-routing of substantial volumes of water from the Wellington Dam to Perth, in terms of the impact on the Brunswick, Collie and Preston Rivers and the Leschenault Estuary?
- (4) If so, will the Minister provide full details, including a copy of any relevant written reports.

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. (a)-(j) inclusive

The Department of Health provides advice and partial funding for the mosquito management program being undertaken by the Leschenault Contiguous Local Authority Group (CLAG). This includes areas of saltmarsh surrounding the Leschenault Estuary and the lower reaches of the Collie River.

The Department funds the University of Western Australia to provide a surveillance program for Ross River virus vector mosquitoes that includes monitoring adult mosquitoes in the Leschenault region.

The Department has also recently provided advice to officers of the Department of Conservation and Land Management in relation to management of saltmarsh and freshwater mosquitoes at the new Leschenault Peninsula tourist development.

2. Funding provided to the Leschenault CLAG is provided for mosquito larvicides on a 1:1 basis (approximately \$4000.00 per year). In addition, DOH funds the use of a helicopter for occasional large scale larviciding requirements which may include the Leschenault area. The cost this year is about \$2,000.
3. No
4. N/A