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Dr Elizabeth Constable; Mrs Cheryl Edwardes

CALM, AGREEMENT WITH AMRAD

280. Dr CONSTABLE to the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to an article in CALM News in February 1994 titled World Exclusive Conocurvone Contract and the Minister's answer to question on notice No. 2062 of March 2000 and ask -

- (a) how much of the \$5m expected for research and conservation work related to the 1993 agreement with AMRAD was received by the research consortium;
- (b) how much funding has the project received each year since 1993; and
- (c) what level of funding, if any, has been received for the 'nature conservation' referred to by the Premier in the article?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (a) The \$5 million was anticipated in the event of a commercially-successful product being developed from conocurvone. To date, the State has earned \$1,655,000, mainly in payments for research.
- (b) \$1.15 million was received in 1993, \$500,000 in 1994, \$25,000 in 1996 and \$25,000 in 1997.
- (c) The \$1.15 million payment was made for work already undertaken by the CALM consortium, and as a contribution towards nature conservation. CALM has allocated \$300,000 of this payment to nature conservation projects.