

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS — ADVICE

1280. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to debate last evening on the Environmental Protection Amendment Bill 2020, and in particular the minister's commitment to advise all Western Australians whose property or properties are currently subject to an environmentally sensitive area encumbrance of that fact.

- (1) By which specific means of communication will the minister direct that this advice be provided?
- (2) What will be the substantive content of the intended communication?
- (3) Will the minister commit to having this advice communicated to property owners within three months of royal assent of the bill being conferred?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The advice will be provided in writing.
- (2) The advice will go to all property owners who may potentially be affected if their property is in an environmentally sensitive area and will explain what it means. Information will be provided on the new expedited referral process dealing with the clearing of native vegetation.
- (3)–(4) The advice will be provided in this financial year. Consultation will be undertaken to develop regulations to implement the Environmental Protection Amendment Act 2020 and the advice will be communicated in conjunction with those regulations.