

REPTILES — CONSERVATION

959. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and the Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles and Amphibians) Regulations 2002.

- (1) When was the species list declared to be herpetofauna last reviewed?
- (2) Is the Department of Environment and Conservation planning another review of the species list?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), will reptile enthusiasts, the West Australian Herpetological Society, scientists and wildlife conservation experts be invited to participate in the review?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I am just practising the word “herpetologists”! I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) On 18 November 2010, the Department of Environment and Conservation received a request in a letter from the West Australian Herpetological Society to review the reptile and amphibian keeping list. DEC has agreed to consider a proposition for the addition of up to six new species. There have been further discussions between DEC and the society since that date but DEC has not received any further submissions from the society on its highest priority species for consideration.