

GREAT WESTERN WOODLANDS REFERENCE GROUP

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

I refer to the great western woodlands reference group set up to advise the Department of Environment and Conservation on the implementation of the GWW conservation strategy.

- (1) When was the group established?
- (2) Are the terms of reference for the group publicly available?
- (3) If yes to (2), can the minister please advise where?
- (4) If no to (2), will the minister provide a copy of the terms of reference; and, if not, why not?
- (5) Who are the members of the group and which key stakeholder groups do they represent?
- (6) How often has the group met?
- (7) Have any key stakeholders stopped participating in the group?
- (8) If so, which key stakeholders have withdrawn and why?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The great western woodlands reference group had its inaugural meeting on 30 March 2011.
- (2)–(4) The terms of reference were developed in consultation with and adopted by the great western woodlands reference group. I table the following document of the actual terms of reference.

[See paper 4982.]

Hon HELEN MORTON: The answer continues —

- (5) The membership of the great western woodlands reference group is as follows: Jim Sharp, Department of Environment and Conservation; Gary Kenward, Shire Of Yilgarn; Councillor Sue Meeking, Shire of Kondinin; Councillor Betty Logan, Shire of Coolgardie; representative to be confirmed, Australian Wildlife Conservancy; Simon Bennison, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc; Ross Wood, Pastoralists and Graziers Association; Trevor Donaldson, Goldfields Land and Sea Council; Robert Hicks, Goldfields–Esperance Development Commission; Peter Robertson, the Wilderness Society; David Gleeson, Kalgoorlie–Boulder Urban Land Care Group; Kane Moyle, Chamber of Minerals and Energy; Sean Ashcroft, Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association of Western Australia; Richard Brookes, Shire of Dundas; Councillor Nat James, City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder; and, Jim Williams, community member.
- (6) The group has met four times since 30 March 2011.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) The Western Australian Farmers Federation has withdrawn its representation due to its capacity to attend meetings. Gondwana Link has also withdrawn its representation due to concerns regarding the consideration of its views on the bushfire mitigation works program.