

NUMBAT HABITATS — PRESCRIBED BURNING PROGRAM

310. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' internal review of the DON 100 Weinup prescribed burn that it conducted on 25 March this year and the burn's impact on one of two endangered numbat populations, and the minister's recent confirmation that the review has been completed but will be kept secret.

- (1) Has the minister or her ministerial staff received and/or read the report?
- (2) If yes to (1), what actions have occurred or directions have been issued to DBCA as a consequence?
- (3) Has the minister or ministerial staff received a briefing on either the 25 March event and/or a briefing on the internal report?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the minister table the briefing material?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The minister's office received the report on 15 June 2021 and is reviewing the information. The minister has also received a verbal briefing on the burn, including an operational briefing when the minister visited the site on 31 May 2021.
- (4) Not applicable.