

NUMBAT HABITATS — PRESCRIBED BURNING PROGRAM

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

I refer to remarks attributed to the minister in an ABC online news article of 13 May 2021 titled “WA Environment Minister to visit scene of DBCA’s Perup burn-off amid fears for numbats”. I refer to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions’ internal review into the matter.

- (1) Has DBCA completed the review; and, if not, when is the department likely to complete the review?
- (2) Will the minister direct that the review be made public in a full and unredacted form; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No. The review is internal to the department and for operational purposes only.