

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — YEARBOOK

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

I refer to the publication by the Department of Environment and Conservation of a yearbook for 2009–10 and the fact that, despite the yearbook being promised for late 2010, the yearbook was not published until July 2011, by which time its information was between one and two years out of date.

- (1) Is DEC planning a yearbook for 2010–11?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will the yearbook be published?
- (3) Why was information about prescribed burns and wildfires—which was published as appendix H, fire management, in DEC's 2008–09 annual report—not included in the 2009–10 yearbook?
- (4) Will the minister ensure that this information is included in DEC's 2010–11 annual report or in the 2010–11 yearbook?
- (5) If not, why not?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The DEC 2010–11 yearbook is scheduled to be published at the end of the calendar year.
- (3) The 2009–10 annual reporting year is the first time DEC has undertaken to provide information not required in the statutory annual report in a separate publication, the DEC yearbook. Data on prescribed burns and bushfires was inadvertently omitted from the first yearbook.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Not applicable.