

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

See tabled paper.

Tuesday, 18 October 2022

1045. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action

I refer to ALCOA's clearing activities in the jarrah forest in order to undertake bauxite mining and associated activities, and I ask:

- (a) does ALCOA pay clearing fees for clearing undertaken for mining and associated work;
- (b) if yes to (a), could the Minister please table the schedule of fees paid by ALCOA; and
- (c) will the Minister please advise the area in hectares cleared by ALCOA in each of the last ten years, for each of the ALCOA mines?

Answer

- (a) Yes. In accordance with Clause 13 of the *Alumina Refinery Agreement Act 1961*, Alcoa must pay annual compensation for forest cleared or in connection with its mining activities on *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) lands.
- (b) The annual compensation rate is indexed annually in line with changes in the Perth Consumer Price Index applied equally across all of Alcoa's mines. The compensation rate for 2021 was \$6,837.56 per hectare.
- (c) See tabled paper no. #. The table outlines the total fees and area in hectares of CALM Act land cleared by Alcoa in each of the last 10 years for all of Alcoa's mines.



The below table outlines the total fees and area in hectares of *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* land cleared by Alcoa in each of the last 10 years for all of Alcoa's mines (note the 2022 areas and fees will be calculated in early 2023):

| Year | Total area cleared (hectares) | Total Fees Paid* |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 2012 | 789 | \$4,636,047.11 |
| 2013 | 885 | \$3,831,232.67 |
| 2014 | 629.5 | \$4,824,379.60 |
| 2015 | 744 | \$5,228,259.21 |
| 2016 | 629.3 | \$4,176,914.00 |
| 2017 | 585 | \$4,151,749.60 |
| 2018 | 610.35 | \$4,518,875.00 |
| 2019 | 917.3 | \$6,428,983.04 |
| 2020 | 818.94 | \$5,184,700.00 |
| 2021 | 435.17 | \$2,710,134.67 |

*total fees paid for each year is calculated based on the projected clearing for the future year, minus the reconciled actual clearing for the current year.

