

LOT 67 NICHOLAS ROAD, WANNEROO - CLEARING OF NATIVE VEGETATION

**156. Mr G. SNOOK to the Minister for the Environment:**

In relation to the clearing of 3.16 hectares of native vegetation for horticultural purposes on lot 67 Nicholas Road, Wanneroo, which is part of the Badgerup Lake Bush Forever site, I ask -

- (1) Why was a permit granted to clear 90 per cent of this property within three months of an application being submitted when the previous owner faced prosecution after clearing a small portion of native bush?
- (2) By any chance did the granting of this permit have anything to do with the fact that the new owners engaged the services of Mr Brian Burke?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:**

- (1)-(2) Clearly, the member for Moore cannot see the wood for the trees in this regard. He has asked a question of me but I am not aware of the particular matter he has raised. I do not have any information on that.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call the Leader of the Opposition to order for the first time.

**Mr P.D. Omodei** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call the Leader of the Opposition to order for the second time.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** It would have been more appropriate for the member to give me notice of the question so that I could have provided him with an answer. I am not aware of the particular lot 67 that he has highlighted. I am not aware of the background to that matter but I am happy to take the question on notice.

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** In reference to the previous question answered by the Minister for Housing and Works, the Treasurer referred to Hon Peter Collier with the comment "probably a forgery". Forgery is a criminal offence and I ask that he withdraw and apologise.

**The SPEAKER:** I did not hear that. I am sure that if the Treasurer said that he will withdraw it.

**Mr E.S. RIPPER:** I referred to the event, not to the person, and I do not think that is unparliamentary.

**The SPEAKER:** So the Treasurer did not say it?

**Mr E.S. RIPPER:** I did say it. If you want me to withdraw, I will withdraw.

**The SPEAKER:** No. Take a seat.