

ENVIRONMENT — REGIONAL COUNCILS — CORELLA CONTROL

3107. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Question on Notice No. 2760, and noting that my question specifically asked about regional councils, I ask again:

- (a) what specific resources, including full time equivalent allocation has the Department allocated towards addressing the corella problems reported by many regional councils and communities; and
- (b) is the Department developing a State wide co-ordinated approach to the corella, and if so, what is the status of this approach?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) No specific resources have been allocated by the Department of Parks and Wildlife to address corella problems reported by regional councils and communities. The Department is developing a wildlife management program for the specially protected Muir's corella, found in the Tone Bridge, Rocky Gully, Frankland River and Lake Muir area, to provide guidance to the local community to mitigate the species' impacts while ensuring its conservation.
- (b) No. There are a number of native species of corella in Western Australia that have differing conservation and management needs. The only proposed corella management strategies are the Perth metropolitan area strategy that is not being implemented due to lack of financial support from local governments, and the proposed Muir's corella wildlife management program referred to in (a) above