

MOSQUITO CONTROL IN PEEL REGION

749. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Given the importance of effective mosquito control in the Peel region, how does the Government plan to improve and resource mosquito control and research in the region given that a large proportion of mosquito breeding areas are owned and controlled by the Government?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

- (1) Mosquito control in the Peel region is undertaken collaboratively by the Mandurah, Murray, Rockingham and Waroona local government authorities and the WA Department of Health. They form the Peel Contiguous Local Authority Group, which meets between August and April every year.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) does not have a role in the on-ground management of mosquito control in Western Australia. However, DEC has and will continue to work with local governments and the Department of Health to assist in the implementation of mosquito control in the Peel Region as the need arises.