

OPEN-RANGE ZOO PROPOSAL

1286. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the government's recent announcement concerning the preferred location for an open-range zoo.

- (1) What considerations were given to flying operations at RAAF Base Pearce with regard to the location of the zoo?
- (2) Has RAAF Base Pearce, the Department of Defence or any other federal entity been notified about the location?
- (3) If yes to (2) —
 - (a) which entity or entities were notified;
 - (b) on what date was each entity notified; and
 - (c) were any concerns raised with the location by any entity; and, if so, what was the nature of those concerns?
- (4) Can the minister confirm that noise abatement/noise sensitive procedures are followed by Perth air traffic control concerning the South Perth Zoo?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The questions should be asked of the minister responsible, Hon Albert Jacob, MLA, Minister for Environment.
- (4) Airservices Australia is the primary agency responsible for aircraft noise on air routes across the country. As such, the question is best asked of the commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon Darren Chester, MP.