

FORREST NURSERY PTY LTD, HIGH OIL CONTENT MALLEE SEEDS

1617. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:

Further to my question without notice of yesterday -

- (1) Did the Forrest Nursery Pty Ltd place an order to purchase 12 million high oil content mallee seeds in January 2003?
- (2) When did the Oil Mallee Association of Western Australia or the Oil Mallee Co of Australia Ltd order high oil content seeds?
- (3) Is it correct that Mr John Bartle of the Department of Conservation and Land Management must give his approval before the Manjimup Seed Centre can provide Forrest Nursery with seeds?
- (4) Given that the Forrest Nursery order was placed in January this year and that there must be an immediate start to its seedling program if it is to plant oil mallee next year, why has it taken CALM so long to provide the oil mallee seed?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question, to which the Minister for the Environment has provided the following reply -

- (1)-(2) The information sought by the member may or may not affect the commercial interests of the parties named. CALM has advised that legal advice should be sought before the requested information is provided.
- (3)-(4) I refer the member to my answer to question without notice 1603. CALM will be conducting an investigation into matters raised by the member. The issue of seed supply is the subject of legal advice being sought by CALM. CALM will resolve this matter when the legal advice is to hand.