

BIOPROSPECTING LEGISLATION — FLORA AND FAUNA

1259. Hon JOCK FERGUSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Science and Innovation:

Will the minister commit to introducing bioprospecting legislation to the Parliament in 2010 to govern the use and possible commercialisation of compounds derived from Western Australian flora and fauna?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The government is currently progressing the issue of bioprospecting through consultation with relevant stakeholders.