

CANE TOADS

**19. Hon JIM CHOWN to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) How far south have cane toads spread into Western Australia?
- (2) What effect has this incursion of cane toads into the state had on native fauna?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Parks and Wildlife —

- (1) Cane toads occur in the Kimberley region of Western Australia and have been confirmed in Fitzroy Crossing, at Drysdale station on the Kalumburu road, and in the Carson River catchment on Doongan station.
- (2) Cane toads have been known to impact on northern quolls and large reptile predators. Research and monitoring of these native fauna are occurring in the Kimberley.