

ENVIRONMENT — LAND CLEARING

1298. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Regulation (DER), application number CPS 5051/1, submitted in May 2012, and ask:

- (a) in March 2013, a new list of concerns were raised by DER about clearing land, what are those concerns;
- (b) how are these objections different to the concerns initially raised by DER in a reply to the applicant in December 2012;
- (c) why was the DER assessment and subsequent report of March 2013 refusing the application not made available to the applicant; and
- (d) can the DER confirm that that a new submission has been received from the same applicant to clear land at the same site?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) The then Department of Environment and Conservation's letter dated 21 March 2013 reiterated requests made in its letter of 12 July 2012 for information about how the applicant intended to address impacts to poorly represented vegetation communities, ecological linkages, significant fauna habitat, and a priority ecological community.
- (b) The Department of Environment Regulation has no record of the former Department of Environment and Conservation replying to the applicant in December 2012.
- (c) The applicant gave written authorisation dated 3 May 2012 for Mr Albert Gorman to act on his behalf in all aspects of the application. On 21 March 2013 the then Department of Environment and Conservation wrote to Mr Gorman, with a Preliminary Assessment Report, seeking comment on issues identified during the assessment of his client's application.
- (d) The Department of Environment Regulation has no record of a new application to clear native vegetation at Lot 1 on Diagram 43421 North Boyanup, which was the subject of application CPS5051/1.