

BUSHPLAN, EXPENDITURE

586. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for Planning:
- (1) How much of the money allocated for Bushplan has been spent?
  - (2) For each site on which Bushplan money has been spent, what is -
    - (a) the site number;
    - (b) the ownership status;
    - (c) the total amount spent; and
    - (d) the use to which bushplan money was put?
  - (3) For each Bushplan site currently the subject of a development or partial development proposal, what is -
    - (a) the bushplan site number;
    - (b) the area proposed to be cleared;
    - (c) the ownership status; and
    - (d) the land zoning?
  - (4) For the following Bushplan sites,
    - (a) number 42;
    - (b) number 65;
    - (c) number 87;
    - (d) number 327;
    - (e) number 378,
      - (i) when was clearing or partial clearing recorded;
      - (ii) who was responsible for undertaking that clearing;
      - (iii) was permission to clear given;
      - (iv) if permission to clear was not given, what action has been taken by the Ministry for Planning;
      - (v) what is the total area which has been cleared;
      - (vi) for what purpose did the clearing occur; and
      - (vii) is rehabilitation of the cleared land being undertaken?
  - (5) Could the Negotiated Planning Solution process be made more transparent with a formal Environmental Protection Authority process that includes community consultation?
  - (6) If not, why not?
  - (7) With respect to the Statement of Planning Policy for bushland will the Minister be recommending -
    - (a) a bushland conservation zone for the metropolitan region scheme and town planning scheme;
    - (b) a clearing control process for all urban bushland;
    - (c) penalties for illegal clearing; and
    - (d) an incentive package for private landowners to retain urban bushland?

Mr KIERATH replied:

- (1) The draft Bushplan includes existing commitments (these being Bushplan Sites already reserved in the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) for Parks and Recreation) which are progressively acquired through the Metropolitan Region Improvement Fund administered by the Western Australian Planning Commission. For those new commitments (ie lands not already reserved in the MRS) identified in the draft Bushplan, the Government has earmarked \$100 million over the next 10 years. None of the \$100 million has been spent on these new commitments to date since future Parks and Recreation reservations through the Major MRS Amendment process are required (which involves approval of both Houses of Parliament) following the release of a final Bushplan and prior to purchase.
- (2) See (1) - No new Bushplan monies have been spent.
- (3) Only 3 significant formal development proposals are currently being considered, namely:

- (i) Bushplan Site 119. A subdivision application proposes that 8.5 hectares be set aside for conservation free of cost to Government and that 21 hectares be developed in accordance with the sites current Urban zoning in the MRS. Another 1.8 hectares will be set aside for Public Open Space. The site is owned by the University of Western Australia.
- (ii) Bushplan Site 42. A development application proposes to expand an existing vineyard operation onto 2 hectares of bush, while setting aside the remaining 2 hectares for conservation. The site is in private ownership and zoned Rural in the MRS.
- (iii) Bushplan Site 322 (part thereof). A proposed MRS Major Amendment will set aside 160 hectares for conservation free of cost to Government. The remaining 130 hectares will be developed as part of the trade-off. The site is in private ownership and zoned Rural in the MRS but is earmarked for future development.

A number of minor proposals on Rural zoned land in the MRS involving limited or no clearing are also considered regularly as development proposals come forward.

(4) Bushplan Site Number 42

- (i) Partial clearing was reported in both March 1999 and August 2000.
- (ii) Alleged clearing by the landowner of Lot 53 Dalgety Road.
- (iii) A Notice of Intent to clear was not submitted to the Office of the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation.
- (iv) Officers from the Ministry for Planning have undertaken a number of site visits and notified the Office of the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation and the City of Swan.
- (v) Up to 3 hectares out of 4 hectares of bush within Bushplan Site 42.
- (vi) Expansion of an existing vineyard.
- (vii) No.

Bushplan Site Number 65

- (i) Partial clearing of Bushplan Site 65 was reported between 30 April and 1 June 1999.
- (ii) Responsibility has not been determined.
- (iii) A Notice of Intent to clear was not submitted to the Office of the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation or approval given from the Department of Conservation and Land Management to remove Declared Rare flora as part of the approved subdivision.
- (iv) Officers from the Ministry for Planning have undertaken a number of site visits and notified the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM).
- (v) Limited clearing of 12 hectares of bush within Bushplan Site 65 to accommodate subdivision works.
- (vi) An approved subdivision for rural living lots in accordance with the Local Town Planning Scheme zoning.
- (vii) No.

Bushplan Site Number 87

- (i) Partial clearing of one lot within Bushplan Site 87 was reported in June 1999.
- (ii) Alleged clearing by the private landowner of Lot 9, Jenkins Road.
- (iii) A Notice of Intent to clear was not submitted to the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation. However, approvals to mine over the cleared area may exist and are being investigated and there is a current application for mining awaiting determination.
- (iv) Officers from the Ministry for Planning notified the Office of the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- (v) Up to 3 hectares out of 71 hectares of bush within Bushplan Site 87 (north and south).
- (vi) A house, orchard, dam (though the dam site may have previously been cleared as a result of the mining approval).
- (vii) No.

Bushplan Site Number 327

- (i) Clearing of one lot within Bushplan site 327 occurred prior to the release of Bushplan.
- (ii) Alleged clearing by the private landowner of Lot 8, Mary Street.
- (iii) A Notice of Intent to clear was not submitted to the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation. However, approval for the construction of a shed was granted prior to the release of Bushplan.
- (iv) Officers from the Ministry for Planning undertook a site visit and notified the Office of the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation.
- (v) Approximately 4 hectares out of 96 hectares of bush within Bushplan Site 327.
- (vi) Market gardening.
- (vii) No.

Bushplan Site Number 378

- (i) The exact date of the reported partial clearing of part of one lot in Bushplan Site 378 is unknown.
  - (ii) Responsibility has not been determined.
  - (iii) It is understood that a Notice of Intent to clear was not submitted to the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation.
  - (iv) Officers from the Ministry for Planning visited the site and notified the Office of the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation.
  - (v) Approximately 11 hectares out of 129 hectares of bush within Bushplan Site 378.
  - (vi) Proposed runway as part of an existing operation.
  - (vii) No.
- (5) The implementation of proposed negotiated solutions will involve statutory planning decision making processes and public consultation, where applicable.
  - (6) Assessment by the EPA would not generally be necessary to provide for public consultation with the community. The EPA will determine when and how it is involved in the implementation of Bushplan and the final Perth's Bushplan is expected to address this issue.
  - (7) Following release of the final Bushplan it is proposed to prepare a Statement of Planning Policy, the details of which are being investigated.