

HIGH QUALITY OIL MALLEE SEED

**1603. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

My question is now to the Minister for the Environment and not the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and it is the reverse of a question I asked yesterday. I explain that because the question follows on from yesterday's question.

The PRESIDENT: Order! The member's colleague beside him might be a little concerned that we will not get to her question.

Hon JIM SCOTT: I needed to explain that, otherwise the question would not make sense, given that the minister does not know which department is dealing with this matter. Further to my question asked yesterday -

- (1) What quantity of high quality oil mallee seed -
  - (a) has been collected, and
  - (b) is available to be harvested?
- (2) Have both the Oil Mallee Co of Australia Ltd and Forrest Nursery Pty Ltd placed orders for high quality oil mallee seed; and, if so, with whom?
- (3) When did each of those companies place their orders?
- (4) Have they been supplied with seed; and, if so, when?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

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

- (1) The answer to this question cannot be provided in the time available. I therefore request the honourable member to put this part of the question on notice.
- (2)-(4) The Department of Conservation and Land Management has received approaches from commercial interests and from the Oil Mallee Association of Western Australia, which has traditionally purchased all available mallee seed, seeking to purchase a greater amount of seed than is available. CALM is taking legal advice on the equitable supply of seed and will act in accordance with that advice when it is received.

*Point of Order*

Hon JIM SCOTT: My question asked when the companies lodged their orders.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I will do my best to get a further answer for the member.