

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

362. Hon Robln Chapple to the Minister for Environment

(1) With reference to question without notice No. 206 of 15 June, 2017, Hon Stephen Dawson MLC stated that the *Biodiversity Audit II* "has been publicly available since September 2015 through the Conservation Science Library". The audit is not available in the Conservation Science Library catalogue, neither as a physical nor digital copy, and I ask:

- (a) why is the *Biodiversity Audit II* unavailable in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Conservation Science Library catalogue;
- (b) will the Department of Parks and Wildlife publish an easily accessible version of *Biodiversity Audit II*; and
- (c) if no to (b), why not?

(2) In an article for *WA Today* published on 24 May 2017, it was stated that the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC "has now asked for a briefing on its (*Biodiversity Audit II*'s) findings". It was proposed in the same article that the *Biodiversity Audit II* has not been completed, and I ask:

- (a) has *Biodiversity Audit II* been completed;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) was the Minister briefed on *Biodiversity Audit II*;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) if yes to (c), will the Minister make the findings publicly available; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

Answer

- (1)(a) The Conservation Science Library catalogue provides details about library holdings. It does not contain datasets or databases, which is the format of Biodiversity Audit II. The Biodiversity Audit II database can be accessed by visiting the Conservation Science Library.
- (b) Yes. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is currently making the technical changes necessary to provide access to the database via an online portal on the DBCA website.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (2)(a) Yes.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Yes.

- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) The Biodiversity Audit II database has been publicly available in the Conservation Science Library and DBCA offices since September 2015.
- (f) Not applicable.



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC

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