

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)**

Tuesday, 12 August 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Environment.

I refer to a spreadsheet of the percentage of vegetation cover over several local shires, which was supplied by the Department of Parks and Wildlife and can be found at: <http://www.robinchapple.com/qdata>. I ask,

- (1) Given the decline in the percentage of vegetation cover over the past 20 years, why has funding for Natural Resource Management also declined, from \$30M in 2012 to \$20M in 2013 to \$24M over the next three years from 2014?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Declines in vegetation cover can be affected by a wide range of factors.

The Government is continuing to support projects to ensure the protection, restoration and sustainable use of Western Australia's natural resources, with \$24 million in funding over three years. Applications for the 2014 funding round closed on 20 June 2014 and are currently being assessed.

The Natural Resource Management Program is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia and specific questions about the program should be directed to the Minister for Agriculture.

