

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 8 September 2015

3366. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

I refer to the proposed Class A Nature Reserve, bounded on the North and West by the Derby Mudflats, on the East by Leprosarium Road and on the South by the Gibb River Road and to a bush fire during early July during which firebreaks were cut, and ask:

- (a) was the use of graders and/or bulldozers to cut a 6 kilometre internal firebreak allowed by the Department of Environment and Conservation;
- (b) if yes to (a), who authorised the operation;
- (c) if this operation was authorised, why was it authorised;
- (d) what environmental effects have there been on the Pliestocene Wanganut sand dunes and surrounding mature pristine native bush as a result of these largely ineffectual fire breaks being cut;
- (e) will the area be rehabilitated;
- (f) if yes to (e), when will it be rehabilitated; and
- (g) if no to (e), why not?

Answer

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (a)-(g) The Department of Fire and Emergency Services was the controlling agency for this bushfire. This question should be referred to the Minister for Emergency Services.

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