

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 4 December 2013

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

I refer to Question on Notice 363 and Question without Notice 864 regarding the removal of part of a dune system in Esperance, and I ask:

1. Who removed the dune system?
2. Why was the dune removal not referred to the Environmental Protection Authority?
3. What is the Department of the Environment doing to ensure:
 - a) The protection of the remaining dune system?
 - b) Repercussion for removing the dune system?

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

1. The responsible party is yet to be identified.
2. The Department of Environment Regulation is investigating the circumstances surrounding the clearing that took place, as shown in the photograph referred to by the Honourable Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region.
3. a) The Department of Environment Regulation will monitor the site to ensure that no further unauthorised clearing of native vegetation occurs.
b) See 2. above.

