

MARINE PARKS AND RESERVES AUTHORITY — MARINE SANCTUARIES REVIEW

**1142. Hon GIZ WATSON to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the annual report of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority that was tabled in this place yesterday. The report referred to a review of the role of marine sanctuaries in biodiversity conservation. The annual report also stated that the report had been completed some time ago, but had not been released by the government. The authority urged the government to release the report as a matter of urgency.

- (1) Is the minister aware of this report?
- (2) Will the minister release this report?
- (3) If not, why not?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(3) Yes, I am aware of the report. When I read in the annual report that the report had been with me, I checked and it actually had not. It had arrived a couple of days beforehand. To say that it had been sitting with me is wrong. I am currently considering the report. It is a report that was part-funded by the Department of Fisheries. It is, therefore, under consideration by government.