

WORLD HERITAGE LIST — WA NOMINATIONS

1185. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

With reference to my question on notice No. 1157, of 18 August 2009, which I have been asked to direct to the Minister for the Environment, -

- (1) How many sites did Western Australia nominate to the Federal Government to be included in the World Heritage List in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008? (Please provide this information on a year by year basis).
- (2) Please provide the names and locations of each of the sites that come within the answer to question (1)?
- (3) Of those sites nominated by Western Australia to the Federal Government to be included in the World Heritage List in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, how many were successful in being included the World Heritage List (Please provide this information on a year by year basis)?
- (4) Please provide the names and locations of each of the sites that come within the answer to question (3)?
- (5) How many sites does the Western Australian Government anticipate nominating to the Federal Government to be included in the World Heritage List in 2009?
- (6) Please provide the names and locations of each of the sites that come within the answer to question (6)?
- (7) Who has final responsibility for determining which heritage sites Western Australia nominates to the Federal Government for inclusion in the World Heritage List?
- (8) What are the criteria that the person who has final responsibility for determining which heritage sites Western Australia nominates to the Federal Government for inclusion in the World Heritage List uses to determine whether a site should be nominated to the Federal Government?
- (9) Does the Dampier Archipelago meet the criteria set out in the answer to (8)?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

- (1)-(2) The Ningaloo Coast is the only area put forward by the State Government to the Australian Government for World Heritage nomination since 2005. The Australian Government, as a State Party to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Convention), may nominate sites considered to have outstanding universal value to the World Heritage List.

The State Government endorsed boundary includes Cape Range National Park, Ningaloo Marine Park (State and Commonwealth waters), Jurabi and Bundegi coastal parks, most of the unallocated Crown land on the northern part of North West Cape, the proposed conservation and recreation areas subject to the 2015 pastoral lease exclusions and Learmonth Air Weapons Range. [See paper 1407.]
- (3) The Australian Government has not yet submitted the nomination for Ningaloo Coast.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) See answer to (1) and (2).
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) The State Government.
- (8) The *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention* contain criteria for the inclusion of sites on the World Heritage List. A site would not be put forward to the Australian Government by the State Government if it is considered that it does not meet at least one of these criteria. Under the Operational Guidelines, nominations to the World Heritage List are not considered unless the nominated property has already been included on the State Party's tentative list.
- (9) An assessment of the area's values against the criteria contained in the Operational Guidelines has not been undertaken.