

INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE — TOILET FACILITIES

**501. Hon RICK MAZZA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Tourism:**

A trip along Indian Ocean Drive between Wanneroo and Jurien Bay is a wonderful way to experience 169 kilometres of Western Australia's spectacular coastline.

- (1) Can the minister advise how many public toilets are available to motorists on that 169-kilometre section?
- (2) Is the minister aware that motorists are forced to use the roadside bushland as ad hoc latrines?
- (3) Is the minister aware of the proliferation of used toilet paper and tissue as a result of the lack of public facilities?
- (4) Does the minister acknowledge that the lack of public facilities is a negative reflection on WA's tourism reputation?

**Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) Indian Ocean Drive has not only opened up a scenic part of Western Australia's coastline to motorists and reduced travel time and provided an alternative to using Brand Highway, but also opened up towns along the route to the benefits of tourism generated by travellers visiting to buy goods and services. Public toilets are located in Cervantes, Ledge Point, Seabird, Guilderton and Lancelin, all of which are easily accessible from Indian Ocean Drive. It is important that all Western Australians take pride in their state and accept the shared responsibility of keeping the pristine environment free of litter.

For the information of the member, there is an Australian government website on the locations of public toilets. People can input their destination and trip details and it will show them the locations of all the toilets.

Several members interjected.

**Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN:** The website is [www.toiletmap.gov.au](http://www.toiletmap.gov.au). I also table a map from the website for the benefit of the member.

**Hon Rick Mazza:** What about an app?

**Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN:** There is an app.

**The PRESIDENT:** It is marvellous what Google does!

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