

PRINCE REGENT NATIONAL PARK

**510. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to Prince Regent National Park in the west Kimberley.

- (1) Why has Prince Regent National Park had its prohibited area classification cancelled?
- (2) Is it still listed as a class A biosphere reserve?
- (3) What level of public access was allowed under its previous classification and how has this altered with this cancellation?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The prohibited area classification was cancelled to enable public access consistent with its purpose as a national park in accordance with the Kimberley science and conservation strategy.
- (2) The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization listing of Prince Regent National Park as a biosphere reserve, in accordance with the Man and the Biosphere Programme, has not changed. This designation has no state legislative status.
- (3) Public access was previously restricted, except for scientific and departmental management purposes.