

ROTTNEST ISLAND, LONGREACH UNITS, MAINTENANCE

2277. Mr P.G. Pental to the Minister for Tourism

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Rottnest Island Authority has informed clients that Longreach units will be closed for maintenance from 20 November 2004 onwards?
- (2) Will the Minister advise why maintenance is carried out in such a peak season instead of a non-peak period?
- (3) Will the Minister request the authority to re-examine this notion of carrying out maintenance programs at a time when customer revenues could, and should be, at their maximum?
- (4) If not, why not?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (1) The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) has advised customers that bookings are not currently being taken for the period 20 to 30 November 2004. However, this is not for accommodation maintenance reasons. Bookings have been temporarily suspended by the RIA for the period 20 to 30 November 2004, pending a final decision in regard to the location of school leavers accommodation in 2004. This decision is expected shortly.
- (2) The RIA does not carry out maintenance, other than urgent works, in peak periods.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.