

WATER RESERVE 1393, DEEPDENE

**655. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

- (1) Why has a private valuer been asked to do a valuation on water reserve 1393 near Deepdene?
- (2) Is it proposed to;
  - (a) sell the 39.8 hectare site; or
  - (b) amalgamate it with the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park?
- (3) If so, why and when?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

- (1) The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has been advised by the Department of Conservation and Land Management that it is now aware that there has been a valuation of the reserve 1393 arranged by the Water Corporation. The reserve with the purpose “access to water” is vested in the Water Corporation and is the responsibility of the Minister for Government Enterprises. Therefore, the member may wish to address his questions on this water reserve to him.
- (2)
  - (a) The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has been advised by the Department of Conservation and Land Management that it is not aware of any intention to sell the Land Administration Act 1997 reserve.
  - (b) It is proposed to add reserve 1393 to the adjacent Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park as recommended in the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park management plan 1989.
- (3) The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has been advised by the Department of Conservation and Land Management that reserve 1393 will add a valuable area of coastal land and provide a linkage with other areas of the fragmented national park. The Department of Conservation and Land Management is consulting with interested parties prior to the proposed addition of the water reserve to the national park.