

WHALE WATCHING, AUGUSTA AND DUNSBOROUGH, FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED

308. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- (1) Is the Minister aware of international criticism of the lack of facilities to allow disabled people to join the popular whale watching tours from Augusta and Dunsborough?
 - (2) Does the Minister support the need for facilities for the disabled to embark and disembark on these tours in Augusta and Dunsborough?
 - (3) If so, will the Minister work with the Premier and other Cabinet Ministers to provide these facilities?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

1. Yes. I am aware of an international tourist who wrote a letter of concern about the lack of access to the proprietors of the tours.
2. Yes.
3. Yes. The responsibility for provision of major public infrastructure lies with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure and I will be supportive of any viable strategy that provides for the needs of people who have disabilities and are ageing.