

DOLPHIN DEATHS — SWAN AND CANNING RIVERS

1121. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

In the minister's statement this afternoon she stated that she had required the chair of the Swan River Trust to deliver a report to her by 20 November.

- (1) When did she commission that report?
- (2) Has the minister, or any of her staff or officers in any of her departments or agencies, silenced Dr Hugh Finn?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(2) No; as far as I am aware Dr Hugh Finn spoke on both television and radio on Friday, Saturday and Monday; I think he was on again today. I do not see the relevance of that question.

In answer to the question about the report, yes, I spoke to the chairman of the Swan River Trust on Saturday and Sunday, and I also had a meeting with him on Monday—he was away until Monday. I asked him for that report; we discussed it over the weekend and formalised it on Monday.