

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND NAUTICAL CHARTS, NORTH WEST, FUNDING

1126. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the recent announcement that new navigational aids and the production of new nautical charts were part of a State Government program managed by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, and \$300,000 was spent on a project for the Easter Group part of the Abrolhos Islands, and I ask -

- (a) how much is to be spent on programs for new navigational aids and the production of new nautical charts in the North West of the State;
- (b) in which towns and communities will the funds be spent;
- (c) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (d) when will the programs commence operation in each town referred to above?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) From now until June 2004 it is estimated that approximately \$80,000 will be spent on new navigation aids and \$25,000 on new nautical charts in the North West of the State.
- (b) The navigation aids will be installed to improve the approaches to the boat harbour at John's Creek. The new nautical charts will cover areas in the vicinity of the southern section of the Ningaloo Reef, Bill's Bay and Coral Bay.
- (c) The Department for Planning and Infrastructure is responsible for administering the funds.
- (d) Preliminary investigations, design and data collection has already commenced for all projects and local consultation takes place regularly through the Maritime Advisory Committees in each coastal township.