

JEWEL CAVE PRESENTATION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Tourism:

In light of the recent \$500 000 grant from Lotterywest, and encouragement from the federal government, what is the state government prepared to contribute to the Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association for the Jewel Cave presentation and redevelopment project?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

Tourism WA is not an infrastructure agency. The Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association's chairman, Mr Cliff Edwards, sought and was given a letter of support and encouragement. Tourism WA continues to work with relevant government agencies to facilitate the development of infrastructure that is required for tourism development. Tourism WA recognises that the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge features one of the world's most extensive and beautiful limestone cave systems. Accordingly, the redevelopment of Jewel Cave has been highlighted as a strategic project to improve the iconic attraction of the caves in the area.