

REGIONAL COASTAL AND MARINE FACILITATOR, SOUTH COAST REGION

1121. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:

One might well ask where the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development is and why he has been absent from the Chamber for so long.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Hon BARRY HOUSE: My questions are short.

- (1) Will the position of regional coastal facilitator for the south coast region be funded after 30 June this year?
- (2) If not, what are the reasons for closing this successful local coastal and marine-care program?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for the Environment, I provide the following response -

- (1) Yes, although the position title has changed to regional coastal and marine facilitator. The facilitator will continue to work with communities in the south coast and will also contribute to the development of the marine and coastal components of the south coast region natural resource management strategy.
- (2) Not applicable.