

CARNAC ISLAND NATURE RESERVE, COMMERCIAL TOURISM LICENCES

150. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

The Department of Conservation and Land Management has granted commercial tourism licences authorising landings on the Carnac Island Nature Reserve. Will the Minister table all correspondence relating to the granting of these licenses including letters between the Minister for the Environment and CALM?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

There are only four letters relevant to this enquiry.

1. Advice from the Department of Conservation and Land Management dated 7 March 2001 in relation to the pontoon and its relevance to the Department's responsibilities.
2. Letter to tour operators that have been denied access to Carnac Island.
3. Letter to operators that have been granted access to Carnac Island with amended licence conditions.
4. Endorsement by the Conservation Commission of WA and approval of the Minister for the Environment (including a covering letter from the Department of Conservation and Land Management) for licences to operate commercial tours on Carnac Island.

These letters I now table. [See paper No 610.]