

HILLARYS BOAT HARBOUR, MARINE RESEARCH FACILITY

891. Mr JOHNSON to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer the minister to her statement in this House yesterday that no decision has been reached on the relocation of the Department of Fisheries marine research facility to Hillarys Boat Harbour.

Mrs Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: What did the minister say?

Mr JOHNSON: She was making more rude remarks; I am used to it from the Minister for Police.

The SPEAKER: I did not hear what was said across the House. It is inappropriate to interject when a question is being asked, as the minister needs to hear it.

Mr JOHNSON: After that preamble my questions are -

- (1) Why were tenders called as early as 18 March for the overall project manager?
- (2) Has this tender been awarded?
- (3) Why is the civil engineering contract to produce detailed designs for parking areas already under way?
- (4) Why has the director of fisheries research called for consultation on the final design features early this month when the promised review into car parking will not be completed until next month?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1)-(4) I will explain to the member for Hillarys that I am not the Minister for Fisheries; I am the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

Mr Johnson: You are the landlord.

Ms MacTIERNAN: The member has got it in one; I am the landlord. The Department of Fisheries is not able to do anything on that site other than obtain the planning approvals that it got when the member opposite was in government.

For once, the member has rightly identified me; I am the landlord. In that role I have to determine whether my department will enter into a lease or a sale agreement with the Department of Fisheries. I have made it very clear to the Department of Fisheries that I do not propose to do either of those things until such time as the parking review is completed. The situation is perfectly straightforward and simple. I have explained it time and again. There is no arrangement, either by way of lease or sale, with the Department of Fisheries. It will not happen unless we are satisfied that the parking arrangements can be satisfactorily attended to.