

SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN CORRIDOR, RECREATIONAL NEEDS

376. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) What studies have been completed to ascertain the recreational needs of the current and forecasted populations living in the south-west metropolitan corridor?
 - (2) What beaches between Fremantle and Rockingham have been identified by the WAPC as serving the current and future bathing needs of the community?
 - (3) Has an estimate been made of the sustainable level of visitors each identified recreational beach can handle and if so will the Minister give detail?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

- (1) Both local government and state government have carried out limited studies on this matter.
Local authorities would need to be contacted for information on local area coastal plans.
The WAPC commissioned the South Metropolitan Coastal Planning Strategy (1995), which included the areas south of Rockingham.
The WAPC undertook a beach use survey of beaches between Rockingham and Ocean Reef in 2001 to ascertain the numbers of people using metropolitan beaches. The Department for Planning and Infrastructure has undertaken a 'Recreational Boating Facilities Study of User Needs' which includes the southwest metropolitan corridor.
- (2) There have been no studies undertaken by the WAPC to identify specific beaches. Access to beaches and management of recreational use is a matter generally dealt with by the relevant local authority.
- (3) No estimate has been made.