

CARNAC ISLAND NATURE RESERVE, TOURISM LICENCES

**341. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

The Department of Conservation and Land Management has granted commercial tourism licences authorising landings on Carnac Island nature reserve.

- (1) Does the Conservation and Land Management Act, or any other Act, require that a management plan be completed for such activities?
- (2) Were management plans for these tourism licences completed?
- (3) If so, will the minister table those plans?
- (4) Were commercial tourism licences granted in accordance with legislation?
- (5) Can the minister advise who directed and authorised the granting of these licences?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) When there is a management plan, the Conservation and Land Management Act requires land to be managed in accordance with that plan. It provides for necessary operations to be undertaken in the absence of a plan. Those operations include activities relevant to the preparation of the management plan.
- (2) The licences at Carnac Island were issued consistent with the Conservation and Land Management Act.
- (3) Management plans are public documents, as required by the Conservation and Land Management Act. When the plan for Carnac Island is completed, it will be made available.
- (4) Yes. See parts (1) and (2).
- (5) The licences were issued by the Executive Director of the Department of Conservation and Land Management, with the approval of the then vested body, the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority of WA, and the minister as required by the Conservation and Land Management Act.