

WHICHER SCARP — ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY REPORT

223. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Environment:

I ask a supplementary question.

Mr T.R. Buswell: Gee! You nearly got the first question up for tomorrow, at that speed!

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I am just making sure that you say it is okay, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: It is very much okay with me, member for Collie–Preston.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I was just checking.

Will the minister instruct the EPA to consider all assessments of mineral sands mining on Whicher Scarp independently of the blanket sterilisation comments made in report 1383?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

The EPA will assess all applications independently and without my input; and when the EPA assessment comes to me, I will make my determination.