

SWAN CANNING RIVERPARK — REPORT

252. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer the minister to the report titled “Economic Benefits Associated with the Swan–Canning Riverpark, Perth, WA”, commissioned by the Swan River Trust.

- (1) When was the report commissioned?
- (2) What were the report’s terms of reference?
- (3) Has the report been completed?
- (4) Has the minister received a copy of the report?
- (5) What are the main findings or recommendations of the report?
- (6) Will the minister table the report; and, if not, why not?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The minister has provided the following reply —

- (1) I am advised by the Swan River Trust that the study by Curtin University of Technology was commissioned in late 2009.
- (2) The objectives of the study were to estimate economic benefits from the riverpark based on direct and indirect use and non-use values in 2009–10, and to identify a suitable program to monitor the economic worth of the river system over time.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Yes. I received a copy of the report on 5 April 2011, following receipt of a question without notice on this issue.
- (5) I am advised that the estimation of the total economic value of the riverpark proved to be well beyond the scope of this preliminary study as much of the necessary financial information could not be obtained from external sources, in particular commercial businesses.
- (6) No; see response to (5).