

LANCELIN VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE BUILDING

463. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to severe coastal erosion affecting assets in Lancelin, including the Lancelin Volunteer Marine Rescue building.

- (1) Will the minister ensure the immediate consideration of the application to DFES of \$240 000 to provide protections to the VMR building made by the Shire of Gingin following onsite visits by departmental officers last November?
- (2) What has the minister done in response to the imminent catastrophic undermining of the building as a result of erosion that has been impacting the Lancelin community, especially in the last year?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

- (1)–(2) The member is quite right in highlighting this as an issue in his electorate because it is a serious issue. It has been going on for some time, as the member knows. Coastal erosion has been affecting the volunteer marine sea rescue facility up there. It occurred last year and I believe it has occurred in previous years when there were high tides and storms at the same time. The member has alluded to some of the things that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services has already done with the local government up there in discussing the future of the siting of that facility; whether it should remain where it is. The department has had the same conversations with the volunteer —

Mr R.S. Love interjected.

The SPEAKER: Listen to the answer, member for Moore!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Does the member want to know the answer or not? The department has had the same conversations —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Dawesville, I call you to order for the second time.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: It has had the same conversations with the VMR members themselves and the unit commodore in terms of the siting of it. As the member knows, work has been done to reinforce the area around that facility. Personally, I think it comes down to the siting of that facility. I know that VMR wants to stay exactly where it is, but it will continue to get hit with coastal erosion. The impact of climate change and the increasing impact on our coast, particularly when it coincides with storms and high tides, will continue to affect that facility. It needs a long-term resolution and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services will be working through that with the shire and VMR.