

MARINE PARKS — NORTH KIMBERLEY AND ROEBUCK BAY

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

Why, when last year's budget promised that planning for the north Kimberley and Roebuck Bay marine parks would be a priority, is this year's budget silent on these two new marine parks?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

Funds are allocated within the Kimberley science and conservation strategy budget for the planning of the Roebuck Bay and north Kimberley marine parks, in addition to the funds available through the Yawuru agreements for the planning of Roebuck Bay marine park.