

PERTH STADIUM — PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

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

I have to choose a new question, because I have just been informed that the question I gave priority to cannot be answered today.

**Hon Ken Travers:** I got one of those.

**Hon SALLY TALBOT:** Did Hon Ken Travers get one? I will go to another question. I will try this one.

I refer to the announcement that the Swan River will be narrowed to 60 metres to accommodate the construction of the Perth Stadium footbridge.

- (1) Was the Environmental Protection Authority notified that the Swan River would be reduced in width from 320 metres to 60 metres?
- (2) Did the EPA conduct an environmental impact assessment on the narrowing of the river?
- (3) If yes to (2), what were the results of that assessment?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member very much for notice of the question.

- (1) The proposal for the construction of the Swan River pedestrian bridge linking the East Perth foreshore to the Burswood peninsula was referred to the Environmental Protection Authority on 9 September 2013 by the Public Transport Authority of Western Australia.
- (2) Based on the information submitted by the Public Transport Authority and the advice received from the Swan River Trust, the Environmental Protection Authority determined that the proposal is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment and did not warrant formal environmental impact assessment.
- (3) The Environmental Protection Authority published its decision that the proposal did not warrant formal environmental impact assessment on 18 November 2013 and provided public advice about the potential environmental impacts and management. The Environmental Protection Authority's decision not to assess the proposal was open to appeal for a 14-day appeal period. No appeals were received against the authority's decision.