

NINGALOO REEF-NORTH WEST CAPE, NOMINATION FOR WORLD HERITAGE LISTING,  
COMMITTEE REPORT

**828. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

On 1 December 2004, the Minister for the Environment released a media statement extending the consultation process for the Ningaloo Reef-North West Cape nomination for World Heritage listing. The media statement said that a committee report would be printed and distributed to key stakeholders who made submissions and would also be made available at the Department of Conservation and Land Management's web site.

- (1) Has the report been sent to the key stakeholders who made submissions to the World Heritage consultative committee?
- (2) If not, when will it be sent?
- (3) Does the Department of Conservation and Land Management's web site allow community access to the report?
- (4) If not, when will the web site allow access?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

On behalf of the Minister for the Environment, I provide the following response -

- (1) No.
- (2) Progressing the World Heritage nomination requires collaboration with the Australian government. Following discussions between state and Australian government officials, the minister wrote to the federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage and received his reply on 21 October 2005. The minister is considering the reply and expects to release the report before the end of this year.
- (3) No.
- (4) When the report is released by the minister.