

HILTON HOTEL — KARRATHA

**681. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the Minister for Lands' announcement on 27 June 2012 that a Hilton hotel will be constructed in Karratha.

- (1) Has a site been identified for the hotel?
- (2) Who currently owns this site?
- (3) Has approval been given by the local shire for a hotel on this site?
- (4) Was any due diligence carried out by the minister before making this announcement?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Lands.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The site is privately owned.
- (3) This is a question that should be directed to the Shire of Roebourne.
- (4) While the government, through the Pilbara Cities office of the Department of Regional Development and Lands, has been, and continues to be, supportive of the proposal, the decision to build a Hilton hotel in Karratha was taken by the Hilton hotel company in conjunction with private investors.