

MARINE PARKS — SOUTH WEST REGION

**497. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to a media statement issued on 8 May 2014 by the Minister for Regional Development, which committed \$5.3 million to the creation of marine parks in the south west.

- (1) Have any marine parks been created in the south west in 2014–15?
- (2) What new marine parks are planned for the south west in 2015–16?
- (3) How much of the committed \$5.3 million has been spent on the creation of new marine parks in the south west in 2014–15 and will the minister detail expenditure to date?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

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

- (1) No.
- (2) No new marine parks are planned for the south west in 2015–16 as part of the \$5.3 million royalties for regions funding committed.
- (3) The Department of Parks and Wildlife has spent \$889 000 on the management of Ngari Capes National Park to the end of the 2013–14 financial year. DPAW anticipates expenditure of \$1.16 million in the 2014–15 financial year. Budget estimates provided by DPAW show anticipated expenditure of \$1 251 million in 2015–16, \$1 million in 2016–17, \$1 million in 2017–18 and \$750 000 in 2018–19. The Department of Fisheries has spent \$1.463 million on the management of Ngari Capes National Park up to the end of the 2013–14 financial year. Fisheries anticipates expenditure of \$1.06 million in the 2014–15 financial year and a further \$737 000 to be spent in 2015–16.