

BOAT HARBOUR — BROOME

**770. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Shire of Broome media release dated 22 February “Broome Safe Boat Harbour project enters next phase”.

- (1) Could the minister please provide an update on what progress has been made towards providing a safe boat harbour in Broome?
- (2) What portion of the \$1 million allocated to this project has been spent and what has it been spent on?
- (3) Can the minister provide an indication of when a business case will be finalised and a concept plan will be publicly available?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) The Broome Boat Harbour Advisory Committee has identified a suitable site between the port’s jetty and entrance point.
- (2) Approximately \$300 000 has been spent and/or committed to the project. This expenditure includes completion of the dinosaur trackway investigation; a heritage survey; collection of extensive bathymetric and oceanographic data; the appointment of consultants for coastal modelling—waves, currents, sediment; the appointment of consultants for preliminary engineering design and associated investigations; and the appointment of environmental consultants.
- (3) The Shire of Broome is currently leading the heritage and community engagement process, and concept plans are being prepared to support this process. Once local support is established, the technical work and development of the business case and concept plans can be finalised.