

SEABIRD

482. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

- (1) How long has the state government been aware of the severe damage caused by erosion to the town of Seabird?
- (2) Is the minister considering the construction of “reef modules” offshore and onshore groynes through sandbagging as a suitable solution to the coastal erosion caused by the increasing impact of climate change?
- (3) If yes to (2), where will the \$1 million to \$1.5 million funding come from to cover the costs of climate change adaptation for the town of Seabird?
- (4) If no to (2), is there an alternative model of adaptation for the town of Seabird; and, if so, what is it?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Lands first became aware of the coastal erosion at Seabird in March 2002.
- (2) The state government is considering engineering solutions to manage coastal erosion at Seabird.
- (3) No decision has been made regarding funding.
- (4) Not applicable.