

PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS - BUNDEGI AND TANTABIDDI

1219. Hon KEN BASTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer to the 2006-07 *Budget Statements*, and the major initiative to upgrade the public boat ramps at Bundegi and Tantabiddi, near Exmouth.

- (1) Does the government stand by this commitment?
- (2) If so, when will the government honour its commitment and provide funds to construct the promised boat ramp at Tantabiddi?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) The government of Western Australia is honouring its commitment. An amount of \$1.5 million has been identified in the budget under the line item “Upgrades to Boat Launching Facilities” and this amount is available to the Shire of Exmouth via the Department for Planning and Infrastructure. It is understood that the shire has already awarded a contract to construct the boat ramp at Bundegi, and that the contractor is about to commence work on the site. Construction was delayed due to the discovery of some issues with ground conditions at Bundegi, and an accumulation of sand on the seabed at the ramp site that requires removal. These issues mean that the total project cost for the Bundegi ramp is expected to be about \$1.9 million. The Department for Planning and Infrastructure will fund the increased cost to ensure completion of the Bundegi project. Design work for the boat ramp at Tantabiddi is nearing finalisation and, in view of the anticipated cost of the boat ramp at Bundegi, DPI has been requested to provide options and costings for the Tantabiddi project for the minister’s consideration.