

ARTIFICIAL REEF — CARNARVON

257. Ms M. BEARD to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the long-awaited Carnarvon artificial reef, a local priority project that would bring tourists and jobs to Carnarvon, and the noncompliant reef modules still located in the yard in Carnarvon.

- (1) Can the minister advise when tenders for the new reef modules will be announced, and that this is a fully funded project?
- (2) Can the minister advise an expected completion date for the artificial reef project?

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Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:

- (1)–(2) It has been my lucky question time! I thank the member for the question. Yes, the member can expect tenders to be announced very shortly for the artificial reef at Carnarvon. I know that this will be a great boon for fishers in the Carnarvon area and will add to the tourism attractions that that fantastic community has to offer. It is just a pity that it has had to overcome some of the run-down commentary from members opposite over so many years in this place. That has really hampered its efforts to build its tourism numbers. But, our artificial reef will add to the marine tourism offering and the fishing offering in Carnarvon very shortly.