



**Coffin Bay Water Lens  
4 June 2009**

**Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders) (14:48):** My question is to the Minister for Water 'Insecurity'. Can the minister advise the house when the results of the aeromagnetic survey for Coffin Bay 'A' water lens, completed in September 2006, will be released, and the capacity of the lens revealed? In October 2005 minister Wright advised that the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, SA Water and Eyre Peninsula Catchment Water Management Board were jointly involved in determining the extent of the Coffin Bay 'A' lens to assist in the long-term management of the water resources. In addition to the aeromagnetic survey, in November 2007 SA Water reported the successful drilling of monitoring bores at Coffin Bay. However, since then there has been no further mention of the outcome of the report or the findings.

**The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD (Chaffey—Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water Security) (14:49):** First, I think the honourable member asked the question of a different minister; I am the Minister for Water Security. However, I think the question was referring to me. The issue the member refers to relates to the potential scope for the lens under the Coffin Bay area to be further utilised, and to determine the extent of that lens. There have been ongoing works by SA Water, and I understand that they are still continuing. I am not certain of the extent of those but I will get a full report and will get back to the member.