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### QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Wednesday, 15 May 2013

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

With regard to the Adele Island Nature Reserve, which is located off the Kimberley coast, I ask:

1. Is the Minister aware that this island, which was declared a Nature Reserve in 2001 in recognition of its status as a bird breeding sanctuary, is still awaiting Government nomination for listing under the Ramsar convention?
2. If not, why not.
3. If yes to 1, when will the Minister move to nominate the island, thus achieving greater protection for the bird population of this unique island habitat?

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**I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.**

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

1. The Australian Government Minister for the Environment is responsible for proposing site nominations to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat for inclusion on the Ramsar list. Proposed nominations on State lands require the support from the relevant State Government.
- 2.-3. Not applicable.

