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Answers to questions on notice
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Topic: GENERAL MANAGER – MS MARGARET JOHNSON
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Senator Waters asked:

I refer to concerns raised by the tourism industry on an ABC Lateline program recently. As the General Manager responsible for tourism within GBRMPA, how many years' experience has Ms Johnson had with the tourism industry?

- a. What is her background?

Answer:

General Manager for Policy and Stewardship Margaret Johnson has 15 years' experience in Federal Government strategic policy development and implementation. While she has not worked directly in the tourism industry, she has high level management skills and extensive stakeholder engagement experience.

As a general manager, Ms Johnson manages staff who have specialist technical expertise in tourism.

Her understanding of government processes and systems, strategic thinking and background in stakeholder liaison are critical in ensuring that the agency's policies and actions consider the views and requirements of industries and communities affected by its management decisions.