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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: What science was different in the Coral Sea from the Labor planning process in the recent review on processes?

Ms Barnes: I do not have that information with me now, but I can forward that to you out of session—take the question on notice.

Senator URQUHART: Today?

Ms Barnes: Probably tomorrow.

Answer:

The Expert Scientific Panel's report, which was co-authored by Professor Bob Beeton, Professor Colin Buxton, Mr Peter Cochrane, Professor Sabine Dittman and Dr Julian G Pepperell, outlines the role of the Expert Scientific Panel and the relationship between it and the Bioregional Advisory Panel. The two panels were asked to coordinate their work but report separately.

The Expert Scientific Panel report contains a detailed account of the new science considered by the review panels, principally in Chapter 3: *Assessments of new scientific information to support Commonwealth marine reserve zoning and management decisions*. This information is mirrored in Chapter 3 of the report of the Bioregional Advisory Panel (*Advice from the Expert Scientific Panel*) and referred to throughout that report.

Both reports can be accessed in full on the Parks Australia website:

<http://www.parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/review/reports.html>.