

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK

1458. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the response to question without notice 1431.

- (1) Was the separate decision for the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to undertake a baseline socio-economic study made jointly by DBCA and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development as marine planning partners?
- (2) If yes to (1), on what basis was the decision made to revise the scope to a baseline study?
- (3) If no to (1), was the decision made solely by DBCA; and, if so, how was this the case given the joint planning arrangements between DPIRD and DBCA?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Fisheries.

- (1)–(3) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has contributed to the planning process for the south coast marine park. The decision to undertake a socio-economic study was made by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, as the lead agency for marine park planning in Western Australia. The consultant appointed to undertake the study sought input from DPIRD on fisheries inputs into the study.