

NGARI CAPES MARINE PARK — FISHERS — COMPENSATION

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

I refer to the establishment of the Ngari Capes Marine Park and the provision of compensation to professional fishing licence holders.

- (1) When did negotiations commence with licence holders about financial compensation as a consequence of the establishment of the NCMP?
- (2) Has agreement been reached between the state and the fishers on the level of compensation to be provided?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon KYLE McGINN replied:

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

- (1) Negotiations with applicants who were deemed eligible for compensation commenced in November 2020.
- (2) The compensation process has not yet been concluded.
- (3) Applicants have the right to seek a review of compensation decisions by the State Administrative Tribunal. To date, applicants in two fisheries have sought such a review. Some applicants in other fisheries have indicated their intention to accept the compensation that has been offered and the process to finalise payments is underway.