

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES — COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS SURVEY

1423. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the community perceptions survey conducted annually by the Department of Fisheries, which I understand was expected to be completed by 30 June 2014, and ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table all available results of the 2013-2014 survey;
- (b) if no to (a), please explain why the results will not be tabled;
- (c) what rating, including either “very poor”, “poor”, “good” or “very good”, did the respondents give on average for the management area of “protection of the aquatic environment”;
- (d) how does this compare to ratings in previous years for this management area; and
- (e) to what degree does the Minister consider the drum lining strategy contributed to this result?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

- (a) Yes.

[See tabled paper no 1852.]

This information will also be published in the Department of Fisheries’ (Department) 2013/14 Annual Report.

- (b) Not applicable
- (c) The overall satisfaction rate is the average of the satisfaction rate (proportion of respondents who rated the Department’s management as ‘good’ or ‘very good’) across four management areas (as per (a) above). The 2014 community survey respondents indicated an overall satisfaction rate of 85.1 % in relation to the extent to which the Department is perceived to be achieving aquatic resource management objectives.
- (d) The 2014 overall satisfaction rating is similar to the satisfaction ratings of recent years (Figure 1, see (a) above).
- (e) The results show no change in the rating when compared to the previous two years.