

CAMDEN SOUND MARINE PARK — BUDGET

398. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the minister's response to question without notice 385 in which it states that there is \$1.5 million in the budget for Camden Sound compliance and the other roles that will be undertaken by the Department of Fisheries. If Camden Sound marine park is indeed to be established in the 2010–11 budget year, can the minister clarify where it is itemised in the budget?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. A park planning and consultation process needs to be followed before the Camden Sound marine park can be declared and commence operation. This process is being led by the Department of Environment and Conservation and will take some time to complete. The Department of Fisheries' operations—research and compliance—will commence after the park is in place, anticipated to be early in the 2011–12 financial year. Because of this, there is no budget for the Department of Fisheries' operations in the park for the 2010–11 budget year.

The activities supporting the Camden Sound marine park comprise new initiatives and the redirection of existing resources amounting to \$1.485 million in 2011–12. In 2011–12 additional expenditure of \$925 000 will be incurred and this expenditure appears in the table on page 234 of the budget papers. Existing activity totalling \$560 000 has also been redirected to support the Camden Sound marine park.