

KIMBERLEY AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT ZONE

1316. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone (KADZ), and I ask:

- (a) under the proposed tender:
 - (i) how many tonnes can be allocated;
 - (ii) can this allocation be increased and, if so, by how many tonnes;
 - (iii) has the Minister undertaken the environmental, cultural, and social impact assessments for the land and sea based infrastructure required to support the operations of any increases to the allocation;
 - (iv) does the tender allow for more than one operator; and
 - (v) if no to (iv), why not;
- (b) under the current tender:
 - (i) who is the operator;
 - (ii) how many tonnes has been allocated;
 - (iii) how many tonnes can this allocation be increased to prior to the declaration of the KADZ and the expression of interest (EOI);
 - (iv) will the increase in production capacity enabled by the KADZ process all be included in the KADZ EOI;
 - (v) has the Minister ensured that all current environmental conditions of the current operator are being complied with;
 - (vi) if yes to (v), how; and
 - (vii) if no to (v), why not;
- (c) in either the new or current tender process, have the Traditional Owners been consulted, engaged, and included in any planning for capability and capacity to participate in this economic opportunity that will all take place on their saltwater country;
- (d) if yes to , please provide details of the consultation process, including who was consulted, when and the outcomes; and
- (e) if no to , why not?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a) The following responses to questions under item (a) are provided on the assumption that “proposed tender” refers to limits on production for the proposed Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone.
 - (i) 20,000 tonnes per annum.
 - (ii) No
 - (iii) Not applicable
 - (iv) The zone will not necessarily be limited to one operator. The final number of operators is yet to be determined.
 - (v) Not applicable
- (b) There is no current tender. The following responses to questions under part (b) are made on the assumption that “current tender” refers to the pre-existing aquaculture operator located within the area covered by the proposed Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone.
 - (i) MPA Fish Farms Pty Ltd.
 - (ii) 6,990 tonnes per annum.
 - (iii) Production tonnage cannot be increased within the boundaries of the current aquaculture site.
 - (iv) The 6,990 tonnes per annum specified in (ii) above will be included in the 20,000 tonnes per annum production limit for the proposed Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone.

- (v)–(vi) Aquaculture compliance is undertaken by the Department of Fisheries and includes random periodic inspections by Department staff.
- (vii) Not applicable
- (c) Yes. However, no tender process (“new or current”) has been conducted. The response to this question is made on the assumption that “new or current tender process” refers to the development process for the proposed Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone.
- (d) Traditional Owners have been consulted through the Kimberley Land Council, Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation, Mayala Native Title claimants and the Bardi Jawi. Consultation has occurred through 2012 and 2013 with feedback incorporated into the planning process for the Kimberley Aquaculture Development Zone.
- (e) Not applicable