

ROCK FISHING — LIFE JACKET TRIAL

**838. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Fisheries:**

On 29 April 2018, the Premier announced that there would be a trial of the mandatory wearing of life jackets for anglers at rock fishing blackspots.

- (1) When will community consultation on the trial commence and how long will the consultation period be?
- (2) Will there be a need for any new legislation or legislative amendments to commence the trial?
- (3) If yes to (2), when can Parliament expect to see the legislation?
- (4) Can the minister please provide operational details of the trial, including the designated blackspot locations; the commencement date of the trial and the length of the trial; the types of life jackets required to be worn during the trial; how the trial will be enforced; and how the effectiveness of the trial will be measured?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries, I give the following information.

- (1) Consultation with key stakeholders is planned to commence in October 2018.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Prior to the commencement of the trial.
- (4) Operational details of the trial are still being developed.