

AUSTRALIAN HERRING STOCKS

842. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the minister representing the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) When did the government become aware that Australian herring stocks had diminished to an unacceptable level?
- (2) What advice has the government received on the causes of the reduction in Australian herring stocks?
- (3) What consultation with industry groups has taken place to respond to this issue, and what further consultation is planned?
- (4) What action has the government taken to respond to this issue?
- (5) When does the government anticipate having an action plan to ensure the recovery of Australian herring stocks?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I am sorry that I do not have an answer for the honourable member at this stage.