

COCKBURN SOUND — FISH STOCK LOSSES

**1409. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Fisheries:**

Given the Department of Fisheries has advised that the first reported evidence of a fish kill event in Cockburn Sound was made to FishWatch by a member of the public on 19 November 2015 at 6.48 am —

- (1) What was the reaction time for the Department of Fisheries to respond to the report?
- (2) Was there any delay in the Department of Fisheries response time, and would that have impacted the effectiveness of the forensic testing of fish and water samples?
- (3) What are the post-mortem results; and, if there are no post-mortem results, why not?
- (4) What species have been identified as affected?
- (5) What are the possible ramifications of human consumption of the affected fish?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

Mr President, I do not have an answer on that at this stage. I am sorry, honourable member.

**Hon Rick Mazza:** It is question C1470.

**Hon KEN BASTON:** No, I do not have anything here.