

UNLICENSED FISHING

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

I refer to the scenario of a group fishing from a boat unaware that one of its number is unlicensed and the group is subsequently found to exceed its bag limit by virtue of this unlicensed fisher.

- (1) Does the current legislation have the effect of infringing the unlicensed person?
- (2) Does the current legislation have the effect of infringing the appropriately licensed persons as exceeding their bag limit?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The regulations, which were put in place when the recreational fishing from boat licence was introduced, were recently amended to allow for the infringement of the unlicensed fisher and in certain circumstances the master of the boat.
- (2) No.