

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

Value of recreational fishing and nature based tourism to the economy of the Daly River region

1. Has the Government undertaken an assessment of the economic value of the recreational fishing and nature based tourism industries to the economy of the Daly River region.

ANSWER

An assessment of recreational fishing in the Northern Territory and estimates of its expenditure are included in 'Fishcount 95'.

More recently, the Northern Territory was surveyed as part of a National Recreational Fishing Survey during 2000. The report on this survey includes estimates of the expenditure of recreational fishing. The report from the 2000 survey will include a large region that covers the Daly River. The design of the survey will not allow a lower level breakdown of the data.

The Government certainly takes into account the economic value to the Territory of nature based tourism in the Daly River region. While the exact economic value is difficult to quantify due to its small size relative to the Territory overall these elements are considered key to the economic value of Daly River Region.