

Estimates Committee 2016
Questions Taken On Notice

(14/06/2016 to 23/06/2016)

Date: 16/06/2016 Output: Resource and Product Integrity
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Subject: Expenditure on Management of Demersal Fishery

From: Mr Ken Vowles to Hon Gary Higgins
Primary Industry & Fisheries

Question: **5-5**
Yes, Madam Chair. Minister, can you please outline specifically the year by year and itemised level of the expenditure on management of the trawl and non-trawl sectors of the Northern Territory Demersal fishery, including: observer verification, scientific studies and forming management, including studies on impacts to benthic - or sea floor habitats - and impacts on the threatened, endangered and protected species, and management review including risk assessments. Since 2011.

Answer:
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ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Date: 16 June 2016 **Output:** 2.2

Subject: Itemised level of expenditure on management of trawl and non-trawl sectors of the NT Demersal Fishery

From: Mr Ken Vowles MLA, Shadow Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

To: The Hon Gary Higgins MLA, Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

Agency: Primary Industry and Fisheries

Number: 5.5

Question: Minister, can you please outline specifically the year by year and itemised level of expenditure on management of the trawl and non-trawl sectors of the Northern Territory Demersal Fishery, including: observer verification, scientific studies and forming management, including studies on impacts to benthic – or sea floor habitats – and impacts on the threatened, endangered and protected species, and management review including risk assessments? Since 2011.

Answer: The two offshore snapper fisheries are managed under a single budget project.

Total costs including management, research and compliance costs were \$190 000 in 2011/12; \$155 000 in 2012/13; \$268 964 in 2013/14; \$324 500 in 2014/15; and \$473 000 in 2015/16. The increasing costs reflect the requirements for additional research and monitoring that are triggered as the fishery develops and catches increase towards the established sustainable harvest limits.

Approximately 70% of these expenses are cost-recovered back from commercial operators through fishery levies each year.

I would be happy to arrange for a briefing if the Member for Johnston requires further information.