

Estimates Committee 2005 Questions Taken On Notice

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From: Ms Fay MILLER to Honourable Kon VATSKALIS
Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

Question: **8-8**
Could you provide the names of the three commercial fisheries management projects listed in aquaculture resource management? How much did each of these management projects cost in 2004-05?

Answer:
Answered On: 04/08/2005
Answer: The three commercial fisheries management projects are the Barramundi Review, Ecologically Sustainable Development Accreditation and Spanish Mackerel Review.

Barramundi Review \$30 000

The Barramundi Review includes the consultation, drafting of amendments to the Barramundi Management Plan to ensure the long-term sustainability of the fishery. Amendments included the clarification of commercial barramundi fishing area. The revised management plan including these additional closure lines has now been finalised and gazetted. The review also instigated the first meeting to develop a five-year strategic plan and ten-year vision for the management of the Barramundi fishery.

Ecologically Sustainable Development (EDS) Accreditation \$70 000

The ESD accreditation process incorporated the development and submission of reports against the Environment Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act. In particular, submissions against the Australian Government Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries. After a thorough consultation and negotiation process with stakeholders and the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage the NT Shark and Trepang fisheries were assessed and awarded with export accreditation.

Spanish Mackerel Review \$25 000.

The Spanish Mackerel Review included consultation and drafting of new regulations in the Spanish mackerel fishery to enable a Total Allowable Catch and associated share allocation to the principal stakeholder groups. This process recognises the interests of all stakeholders in ensuring the long term sustainability of the fishery.