

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Yan to the Minister for Agribusiness and Fisheries:

**NT Fisheries**

1. Since the start of 2020, have NT Water Police or NT Fisheries been contacted with reports of suspected illegal activities observed in the NT Barramundi Fishery? If so, on how many occasions?
2. On how many occasions did NT Water Police or NT Fisheries respond to these reports and conduct an inspection, both on water and at home port?
3. What resulted from these inspections? Was any evidence of illegal activity found? Have any charges been laid? Have any penalties been issued, if so, how many penalties, for what and how much was each penalty?
4. For the current NT Barramundi Fishery season - have Vessel Monitoring Systems been installed on all vessels involved in the fishery's activities including the mother ship, the processing at sea ship, and the dories/tenders?
5. Were any of the Vessel Monitoring Systems switched off at any time while the vessels were at sea (away from home port)?
6. If the Vessel Monitoring Systems were found to be turned off at any stage, have any penalties been issued? If so, how many penalties, for what and how much was each penalty?
7. If the Vessel Monitoring Systems were found to be turned off at any stage, for what proportion of time were the Vessel Monitoring Systems turned off?
8. Are gillnets required to have a GPS tracker fitted? If so, have NT Water Police or NT Fisheries conducted any inspections of nets for such GPS devices since the start of 2020?
9. How many observer trips have been conducted in the NT Barramundi Fishery since the start of 2020? If observer trips were conducted, can a copy of the reports produced by the Observer on board be provided?
10. What is the number of NT Fisheries Department staff that have resigned each year since 1 January 2020, up to and including the date of these questions, including staff that have tendered their resignations but are yet to leave? Please provide a breakdown of the substantive levels of those resignations.