

OCEAN REEF MARINA — ROE'S ABALONE TRANSLOCATION

617. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the translocation project for Roe's abalone from the development envelope of the Ocean Reef Marina redevelopment.

- (1) How many abalone have been translocated so far?
- (2) What is the survival rate?
- (3) Has an extension of the abalone translocation project been considered for the area immediately north of the Ocean Reef Marina redevelopment?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) How much money has been allocated to fund the abalone translocation project?
- (6) If funding has been allocated, how much has been expended, and can it be replenished for future abalone translocation projects?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Fisheries has provided the following information.

- (1) To date, over 68 000 Roe's abalone have been translocated.
- (2) Following each translocation day, checks at the release sites and adjacent beaches have observed low numbers of dead Roe's abalone. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will undertake ongoing monitoring of translocated stocks, including survivability, how the adult abalone adapt to the new habitat, and if there is an increase in numbers of juvenile abalone in the area.
- (3) Following the Environmental Protection Authority assessment, a condition of the project was for the proponent, DevelopmentWA, to identify options for the translocation of abalone from the development envelope. The current translocation project aims to move approximately 100 000 Roe's abalone from the development envelope to reef platforms between Trigg and Hillarys. This will be the largest abalone translocation project undertaken in Australia.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) DevelopmentWA, the Ocean Reef Marina proponent, has provided \$150 000 to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to complete the translocation project. The project is being funded by DevelopmentWA to meet the conditions of the Minister for Environment, following the Environmental Protection Authority assessment.
- (6) Based on the completed translocation days, approximately \$90 000 has been expended. Expansion of the current project is not being considered at this point in time.