

RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCES

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

I refer to the recent payments of a recreational fishing licence by a constituent. Their licence renewal was due in January 2020 and was paid a month early in December 2019. The licence expiry date was changed to the constituent's date of payment, denying them a month from the original 12-month licence they paid for.

- (1) When licence holders promptly pay any class of recreational fishing licence before the due date, why is the licence renewed from the date of payment rather than the original expiry date?
- (2) Does this mean that licence holders who pay early are overpaying for the term of the licence they receive?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

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

- (1) In January 2019, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development transitioned to a new recreational fishing licence system. The transition required all customers to apply for a new licence. The taking out of a new licence was a one-off requirement for the new system. Customers were advised in writing of this requirement and that they should renew their licence as close as possible to the expiry date of their old licence. Once a customer has taken out a licence in the new system, future renewals will fall on the anniversary date of the new licence and will be processed as such.
- (2) No. Recreational fishing licences renewed after 13 January 2020 will use the renewal date, not the date of payment.