

FISHING — GREENS POOL, WILLIAM BAY

793. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) Is the minister aware of suggestions that the areas around Greens Pool at William Bay in the great southern should be closed to fishing?
- (2) If so, on what grounds are these suggestions based?
- (3) What closure periods are proposed?
- (4) Does the minister or his department have concerns about the sustainability of fish stocks in the William Bay area?
- (5) If so, what are those concerns and what mitigating action is proposed to address them?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Fisheries, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) A range of stakeholders with a diversity of views has contacted both the minister and the Department of Fisheries about this matter.
- (3) No specific temporal closures have been proposed at this time.
- (4) No.
- (5) Not applicable.