

BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO MARINE PARKS

656. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the sector support package that will be developed to assist commercial operators impacted by the creation of three new marine parks in the Buccaneer Archipelago.

- (1) Have all the commercial, charter and recreational fishers impacted by the parks been identified?
- (2) Please advise the number of these fishers by category?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Fisheries.

- (1) Commercial and charter operators have been identified. It is not possible to identify individual recreational fishers.
- (2) The impacts of the Buccaneer Archipelago marine parks need to be considered as part of the cumulative impacts of the greater Kimberley marine parks. Approximately 200 commercial fishing authorisations have been identified as being impacted to varying degrees across the Kimberley. There are 95 fishing tour operator licence holders that have access to the areas included in marine parks across the Kimberley. The extent of this activity varies considerably and will be the subject of further consultation with licence holders.