

**DIVISION 15: FISHERIES —**

***[Supplementary Information No A7.]***

*Question:* Mr D.A. Templeman asked the Minister to provide details of the number of the current professional crab licences assigned to the Peel-Harvey estuarine system and the number of those that had active licences.

*Answer:* There are 10 active West Coast Estuarine (Interim) Managed Fishery Licence holders authorised to fish in the waters of the Peel-Harvey.

***[Supplementary Information No A8.]***

*Question:* Mr D.A. Templeman asked whether the Minister could provide details of “.. how many infringements were issued in 2007-08 to the current year related to the illegal taking of crabs, including undersized crabs, in the Peel-Harvey system?”

*Answer:* There were 50 infringements for crab offences issued in 2007/08.

There were 118 infringements for crab offences issued to date for 2008/09. All have been for the take of undersized crabs.

Additionally there have been (or about to be finalised) 42 people being prosecuted for the take of undersize crabs (compared to 15 in 2007/08).

***[Supplementary Information No A9.]***

*Question:* Mr D.A. Templeman asked the Minister to provide details of the plans for the sale of the original Fisheries building, but, more particularly, the jetty structure and the associated shed.

*Answer:* The Department of Fisheries will occupy new premises in Mandurah in August 2009. The Department will assess the existing infrastructure, which comprises an office building at 15 Leslie Street, Dudley Park, and a jetty/boatshed on Winjan Place, for possible future use.

If identified as surplus to requirements, the nature of the Department of Fisheries’ interest in each asset will be assessed (ie freehold, lease etc) and will then be disposed of, consistent with the nature of the interest and in accordance with government policy.

***[Supplementary Information No A10.]***

*Question:* Mr D.A. Templeman asked the Minister to provide details of the funds are allocated in the budget to the Volunteer Fisheries Liaison Officers’ program; and how many volunteers were currently members involved in this program, statewide.

*Answer:*

- (a) Total funds allocated to Fisheries Volunteers in 2009/10 is \$201,000.
- (b) Numbers of volunteers:

Broome	5
Karratha	12
Geraldton	16
Dongara	4
NMDC*	6
Metropolitan	42
Bunbury/Busselton	10
Albany/Esperance	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>

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