

PEEL HARVEY ESTUARY — NET FISHING

2273. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that amateur net fishing in the Peel Harvey Estuary will continue as per the current arrangements; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) If changes are proposed, can the Minister detail these changes and any timeline attached to the introduction of these changes?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (1) No.
 - (a) Fisheries are dynamic systems and, as such, changes to the environment, fish stocks, and fishing effort may occur. Therefore, changes to management may be needed from time to time.
- (2) There is no proposal before me at the moment to change netting arrangements in the Peel Harvey Estuary. I understand that Recfishwest and the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council are examining resource sharing arrangements in the Peel Harvey Estuary and during this process netting arrangements may be discussed.