

MARINE FINFISH NURSERY — GERALDTON

285. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Fisheries:

I have a supplementary question. I am sure that the people of the midwest would want a further explanation than the minister's very short statement. Exactly what measures is the minister taking to ensure that this project goes ahead so that these jobs can be created and this industry kickstarted in the region?

The SPEAKER: Minister for Fisheries, that was a little more of a statement, but the option is for you to respond.

Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:

I am very happy to respond. The department continues to work on that project. There is a partnership, of course, with the private sector, Huon Aquaculture in Tasmania. We will continue to work on it. The project was delayed as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that there are some engineering issues associated with the intake and offtake pipework for the nursery, but we will continue to work on it and make announcements in due course.