

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK — INDICATIVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

**1032. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the proposed south coast marine park.

- (1) Has the state government engaged a consultant to undertake a socio-economic impact assessment based on the draft indicative management plans for the proposed marine park?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
  - (a) when will the assessment be completed;
  - (b) will the assessment be released with the draft IMPs during the public comment process; and, if not, why not; and
  - (c) will the assessment rely on existing data or information, or utilise bespoke analysis data commissioned as part of the assessment?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1)–(2) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has engaged a consultant to undertake a socio-economic evaluation to provide a high level socio-economic profile of the south coast region and draw on previous studies to outline the socio-economic impacts of the establishment of marine parks in Australia. A final version of the report is being finalised and will then be provided to government.