

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FACILITY, HILLARYS BOAT
HARBOUR

981. Mr JOHNSON to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

Did the minister instruct the Minister for Fisheries and the Minister for Housing and Works to withdraw the tender after public pressure on the Government to honour its commitment to complete and consider its proposed parking review?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

As I have said before in this place, the Department of Fisheries has been pushing the envelope. It was confident that a particular outcome would be the result of the review. Under the previous Government, all these issues were considered and fisheries was given planning approval. I made it clear to the department that I did not want it in any way, shape or form to continue sending mixed messages to the community. The Government was absolutely committed to ensuring that the review was completed. It is true that some of the conduct of the Department of Fisheries was capable of sending mixed messages to the community. I asked the department to stop any such conduct and that was done.