

FISHERIES, MR D. THOMPSON

912. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) Was a crayboat, owned by a Mr Dave Thompson of Jurien Bay, intercepted by a Fisheries Department boat when fishing in closed waters around May/June 1997?
- (2) Was this incident reported to Mr Peter Rodgers of Jurien Bay on or around June 24 1997?
- (3) If yes, what action has the Department of Fisheries taken on this matter?
- (4) Has Mr Dave Thompson been charged with any breach of fishing laws or regulations?
- (5) If so, which one(s)?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) A lobster fishing boat holding a managed fishery licence in the joint names of DG & MJ Thompson was apprehended for fishing in closed waters in May 1997. The Agency is unaware of who owns the fishing boat involved.
- (2) I assume that you are referring to Mr Peter Rogers, the Executive Director of Fisheries WA, who advises that he is aware of the incident, but cannot recall the specific details concerning the reporting.
- (3)-(4) The master of the lobster boat, Mr PE Clark, was prosecuted in the Perth Court of Petty Sessions on 19 May 2000 for breaches under the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 and fined a total of \$24,500.
- (5) Not applicable.