

FISHING INDUSTRY, MASTER CLASS 5 TICKET

1317. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

- (1) Can the minister advise whether the Department for Planning and Infrastructure has approved the changes to the master class 5 ticket in the fishing industry, which recognises accumulated hours from a trading ticket and a fishing ticket?
- (2) What date were these changes approved?
- (3) When will these changes be legislated?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Through the Australian Transport Council, all state marine authorities have agreed to adopt the National Standard for Commercial Vessels, part D, crew competencies. Part D contains the changes to the master class 5 ticket which include the removal of any distinction between fishing and trading categories. Formal adoption of the national standard will occur once the respective statutes are amended.
- (2) The ATC agreed to the adoption of part D in May 2001.
- (3) Drafting instructions are currently being prepared for the legislation to be amended.