

SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK

**90. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Fisheries:**

I refer to the minister's response to question without notice 1431, asked by me on 14 November 2023, regarding the request for tender for the provision of services for the south coast marine park socio-economic impact assessment.

- (1) Given that it was the consensus recommendation of the evaluation panel to award the tender following the confirmation of the availability of the necessary funds from each of the three agencies involved, who took the decision not to award the tender based on value for money?
- (2) On what basis was it determined that the tender did not constitute value for money?

**Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Fisheries.

- (1)–(2) The premise of the question is incorrect. There was no consensus recommendation by an evaluation panel to award the tender, so the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development declined all offers. The offered price of the preferred respondent was over three times greater than the pre-tender approved budget, and a value-for-money purchasing decision was difficult to establish.