

FISHERIES — KOOMBANA BAY, LESCHENAULT PENINSULA AND BUNBURY BEACHES

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

I refer to the current fishing activities for shore and in-shore netting of fish in the localities of Koombana Bay, the western shore of the Leschenault Peninsula and Bunbury beaches.

- (1) Can the minister provide details of the most recent studies undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to assess the impact of net fishing activities in the aforementioned localities?
- (2) Further to (1), will the minister please table all relevant studies, inclusive of their findings and recommendations?

**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) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has not undertaken any recent studies specifically focused on the impact of net fishing at the aforementioned localities. Ongoing assessments of the state of Western Australia's fish resources and the fisheries they support are undertaken, with the findings published annually in the *Status reports of the fisheries and aquatic resources of Western Australia*. The *Status reports of the fisheries and aquatic resources of Western Australia 2020/21* reported that 98 per cent of the state's fish stocks were assessed as not being at risk or vulnerable through exploitation—fishing. The report also classifies the west coast nearshore and estuarine finfish resource, to which the aforementioned localities relate, as sustainable—adequate.

The department also undertakes recreational fishing surveys of WA fishers, including netting, on a regular basis. The last statewide recreational fishing survey was published in 2018. The publication of the 2020–21 findings is imminent.

- (2) I table the following information.

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