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GOVERNMENT IN THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Mr Paul Grant
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Dear Mr Grant

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING ORDER 337**

Thank you for providing a copy of the Joint Standing Committee On Delegated Legislation's *Report No. 35 – Fish Resources Management Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2009* ("the Report").

The Report has been referred to the Department of Fisheries (the Department) and a Funding Working Group, which is supported by the Department so the Committee's findings and recommendations may be taken into account when developing a new fee-setting model for fisheries in Western Australia. I expect that the model will be in place before 30 June 2010 for all fees made under *the Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and the *Pearling Act 1990*.

In the meantime, I will not be approving any further fees that have a Development and Better Interest Fund component.

As you would be aware, new fees for the fisheries the subject of *Report No. 35* would normally be gazetted in January or February each year. Given the findings and recommendations of the Report, changes to these fees will now be deferred until early 2011 when a new fee structure is in place.

Yours sincerely

NORMAN MOORE MLC
MINISTER FOR FISHERIES

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