

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 2 April 2019

2042. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Is the Minister aware of recent mass Sawfish deaths at Liveringa Pastoral Lease?
- (2) If yes to (1), when did the Minister become aware of this?
- (3) How many Sawfish died?
- (4) Were any Sawfish saved?
- (5) At which coordinates did the Sawfish die?
- (6) Will the Minister table a map of the location in which the Sawfish died?
- (7) Was the site downstream of any dams, weirs or any type of obstruction that impeded water flow?
- (8) If yes to (7), what was the obstruction?
- (9) Has any water been extracted from the same freshwater system as the one the Sawfish died in?
- (10) If yes to (9), how much water has been abstracted, why was it abstracted and by whom?
- (11) On what date were the Sawfish found?
- (12) When and by whom was the incident reported to the department and the Minister?
- (13) Will the Minister table any reports and/or other forms of written communication on the mass deaths of Sawfish?
- (14) If no to (13), why not?
- (15) Has the department and the Minister received photos of the mass Sawfish deaths?
- (16) If yes to (15), will the Minister table the photos?
- (17) If no to (16), why not?
- (18) Is the Minister aware that the Sawfish are critically endangered internationally?
- (19) Is the Minister aware that the Fitzroy River is one of the last major strongholds of the species?
- (20) Is the Minister aware that the Freshwater Sawfish is listed as a threatened species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*?
- (21) Has the mass deaths of Sawfish been reported to the Commonwealth Government?
- (22) If no to (21), why not?
- (23) Has the Ministerial Council on the Fitzroy River been briefed on the mass Sawfish deaths?
- (24) If no to (23), why not?
- (25) If yes to (23), will the Minister table the briefing papers?
- (26) If no to (25), why not?

Answer

Please refer to Legislative Council Question 2043



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