

3 July 2026

Hon Meg Brown MP

Chair

House of Assembly Standing Committee on Government Administration B – Sand Flathead

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Dear Ms Brown,

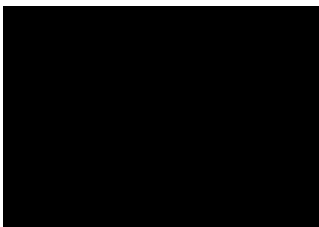
Thank you for your letter of 2 July 2026 regarding the Committee's question on notice arising from Seafood Industry Tasmania's appearance before the Standing Committee on Government Administration B on 10 June 2026.

Seafood Industry Tasmania does not have access to the data required to confirm the number of commercial fishers who fished for and caught sand flathead prior to the 2026 closure. This information is held by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania.

The most direct and efficient means of obtaining this information would be for the Committee to request it directly from the General Manager responsible for fisheries within NRE Tasmania, as the Department holds the relevant commercial catch, effort and licensing data and is best placed to provide an authoritative response.

Seafood Industry Tasmania would, of course, be pleased to assist the Committee with any broader industry context if required.

Yours Sincerely,



Julian Harrington
Chief Executive