Salmon Industry – Source of Fishmeal

Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

My question comes from Lisa Litchens in Cygnet. Earlier this month, the *New York Times* published an explosive investigative report into supply chains of global aquaculture companies, revealing a litany of crimes. Cooke, the owner of Tassal, also owns Peru's largest fishmeal company, Copeinca, whose supply chain is linked to at least 30 fishing violations or other concerns, including fishing in marine protected areas, exceeding catch limits and operating without a valid permit. Has the Minister's department assessed where the fishmeal and fish oil fed to Tasmanian salmon comes from? Will he require the industry to disclose it publicly? And how can the Government vouch for the integrity of Tasmania's clean green brand if it does not know the origin of the main feed used here in salmon farms?