

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Standing Committee on Government Administration B

Short Inquiry into the closure of the Sand Flathead Fishery

ASKED BY: Ms Cecily Rosol MP

ANSWERED BY: Assistant Commissioner Oosterloo

QUESTION:

1. How many vessel checks or inspections have been conducted to inform the statistics relating to non-compliance presented by you to the Committee?

Tasmania Police does not maintain statistical data that categorises vessel inspections by fishery type. Vessel inspections (both on water and land) are conducted as comprehensive compliance checks, incorporating marine safety and inspections of fishing activity across all fisheries. These checks are categorised in the system as 'Recreational Other'.

The below table shows the number of sea and land inspections of recreational vessels under the category of 'Recreational Other' for the last three years, along with the number of total recreational offenders and the number of flathead-specific offenders.

Financial Year	Sea Inspections	Land Inspections	Total Inspections	Total Recreational Offenders	Total Flat Head Offenders
2023/24	15,782	4,269	20,051	511	89
2024/25	13,969	3,550	17,519	395	96
2025/26	14,074	1,969	16,043	554	63

APPROVED

Doug Oosterloo

Assistant Commissioner

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