

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**No. 311**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 22 March 2005**

**MS ROBERTS** asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR PALASZCZUK)—

**QUESTION:**

- (1) What was the gross tonnage and estimated Gross Value of Product (GVP) of inshore finfish taken from the Great Sandy Strait only, each year for the past three years?
- (2) What was the gross tonnage and estimated GVP of Mullet within the last three years?
- (3) What was GVP taken by beam trawl in the Great Sandy Strait only, each year for the past three years?

**ANSWER:**

The following information is provided for the Great Sandy Strait area as defined in the *Fisheries Act 1994* (GSS – smaller area) and the Great Sandy Strait region covered by the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Great Sandy Marine Park – Northern Section (GSS – broader area). See Attachment 1 for maps of the two areas.

- (1) The gross tonnage and estimated Gross Value of Product (GVP) of inshore finfish (including mullet) taken from the GSS area is as follows:

Year	GSS – smaller area		GSS – broader area	
	Catch (t)	Estimated GVP (\$)	Catch (t)	Estimated GVP (\$)
2002	1 464	4,668,168	1 874	6,468,392
2003	927	3,269,655	1 471	5,615,217
2004	1 886	5,936,511	2 351	7,930,754

- (2) The gross tonnage and estimated GVP of mullet taken from the GSS and in Queensland is as follows:

Year	GSS – smaller area		GSS – broader area		Queensland	
	Catch (t)	Estimated GVP (\$)	Catch (t)	Estimated GVP (\$)	Catch (t)	Estimated GVP (\$)
2002	273	818,729	398	1,195,490	1 806	5,424,707
2003	289	867,502	518	1,555,730	2 138	6,417,820
2004	362	1,085,561	522	1,567,752	2 177	6,542,483

- (3) The GVP taken by beam trawl in the GSS is as follows:

Year	GSS – smaller area (\$)	GSS – broader area (\$)
2002	23,395	666,493
2003	66,139	470,064
2004	119,883	576,663

## Attachment 1 – Maps of Great Sandy Strait Areas

Great Sandy Strait as per definition in the *Fisheries Act 1994* (GSS – smaller area)



## Proposed Great Sandy Marine Park – Northern Section (GSS – broader area)

