

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 195**  
**Asked on Wednesday, 1 March 2006**

MR WELLINGTON asked the Premier (Mr Beattie)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to his meeting with the President of the Independent Trawlers Association, at the Bundaberg Community Cabinet Meeting, where he agreed to investigate aspects of the fishery legislation—

- (1) Will his investigations include (a) where the chief executive can notably reduce the effort within the fishery, (b) the show cause notices and (c) the investment warnings still attached to most of the endorsements?
- (2) What action will he take?

**ANSWER:**

(1) I have agreed to investigate the impact of recent amendments to fisheries legislation associated with the new licence fee arrangements for commercial fishers. In particular, the investigation will concentrate on aspects of the fisheries legislation that might impinge on persons being able to exercise their property rights and will include the issues raised in this question.

(2) I have written to the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries, requesting that he undertake the investigation and report back to me on the outcomes of the investigation.