

Question on Notice

No. 89

Asked on 5 February 2020

DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of convictions recorded for the illegal taking of gastropods and bivalve molluscs from the Wellington Point/King Island Conservation Park area?

ANSWER:

In 2019, the Government introduced legislation that closed the waters of Moreton Bay to the taking or possession of shellfish. This includes all gastropods and bivalve molluscs, except pipis. A possession limit of 30 pipis was also introduced, and wild oysters can be consumed, but only at the point of collection.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has advised no convictions have been recorded for the illegal take of gastropods or bivalve molluscs from the Wellington Point/King Island Conservation Park area since the introduction of this closure.

If people see fishing that they believe may be illegal, they are encouraged to report details using the Fishwatch hotline on 1800 017 116.