

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1267**

**Asked on 12 October 2023**

**MR N DAMETTO** asked the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities (HON M FURNER)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Future Fisheries Taskforce and answer to Question on Notice No. 839 of 2023—

Will the Minister (a) provide the terms of reference for the Future Fishing Taskforce (the Taskforce) and (b) confirm that the Taskforce's examination of gill nets in the Gulf of Carpentaria should not have formed part of the Taskforce's examination?

**ANSWER:**

The Terms of Reference for the Future Fishing Taskforce (the Taskforce) are subject to Cabinet-in-Confidence restrictions, such that if disclosed, would reveal consideration or deliberation of Cabinet.

Additional gillnet-free zones in the Gulf of Carpentaria were a part of the joint announcement made by the Australian and Queensland Governments on 5 June 2023 and therefore it was appropriate to be a part of the Taskforce's examination.