



**FISHERIES COMPLIANCE OFFICERS
9 July 2002**

Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders): Will the Treasurer, representing the Minister for Fisheries, confirm that the announced cuts to fisheries compliance officers will not be made on Eyre Peninsula? The minister announced on 27 June 2002 that the two compliance officers in Whyalla (located in the electorate of Giles) would remain giving the giant cuttlefish breeding waters as the reason. Eyre Peninsula, excluding Whyalla, produces around 65 per cent of the state's seafood harvest, has the majority of aquaculture industries and a coastline longer than Tasmania's. Commercial industries, as well as recreational fishing, require inspection. Only recently the Australian Institute of Criminology (report number 225) outlined the extent of abalone poaching and concluded that continued assessment, monitoring, regulation and policing must be used to address the threat facing the legal fishing industry.

The Hon. K.O. FOLEY (Deputy Premier): I will be pleased to provide the honourable member with a detailed response from the minister.