



**Fisheries Legislation
31 May 2004**

Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders): My question is to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. Can the minister inform the house at what stage the proposed fisheries legislation is and why it has not been presented to parliament in the past 12 months, as promised?

The Hon. R.J. McEWEN (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries): I thank the honourable member for her question. She obviously has an interest in fisheries and aquaculture legislation and anything to do with progressing that industry which is so valuable to her and the state. I do not yet have my head around all the issues to do with the legislation. I am going through a series of briefings at the moment. I am hopeful that I will be in a confident position to bring that bill to the house in the spring session