

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(177) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law**

Senator Ludwig (L&C 117) asked:

When was the interdepartmental committee on the cross-government response to illegal foreign fishing first formed? Is there more than one name provided to that IDC, or is there one?

*Answer:*

In 2003 the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) established an Inter-departmental Committee (IDC) to develop strategies for the management of illegal foreign fishers. DAFF has convened ad hoc IDCs on illegal foreign fishing issues since this time and DIMA has participated at these meetings, which have provided a coordinated whole of government approach to the management of illegal foreign fishing initiatives.