

DISPLACED EFFORT WORKING GROUP

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Mr BROCK (Frome) (14:57): My question is to the Minister for Environment and Conservation. Why are four of the 11 communiqués from the Displaced Effort Working Group missing from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) website? The Displaced Effort Working Group was formed to address commercial fishing displaced by the introduction of marine parks. I understand that this group has held 11 meetings.

In response to my question on 24 February 2011, the minister indicated that it had finished its work. I asked whether all the minutes of those meetings will be made available, to which the minister replied:

What we want to do is be completely transparent about this. The marina alliance has asked for more clarification on detail with respect to those sequential principles. Certainly, if we want these parks to be co-produced—if we want the input of commercial and recreational fishers and others—we will make that information available.

However, minister, I notice that as at today there are still communiqués Nos 1, 6, 7 and the final paper not posted to the DENR website.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Minister for Environment and Conservation.

The Hon. P. CAICA (Colton—Minister for Environment and Conservation, Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water) (14:58): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Look, I do not know the reason behind that. I am assuming that there were meetings of the displaced effort working group that might not have resulted in a communiqué actually being established as a result of those meetings.

I still reinforce the point that this process is one that I and the government want to be totally transparent about. We want information to be available, because that will in turn better inform people. The only people who do not want to be informed is this mob, here—and I don't put you in that category. What I will do is chase up the answer to this question, and I will get back directly to the house and to the honourable member with an answer.

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In reply to Mr BROCK (Frome) (6 April 2011).

The Hon. P. CAICA (Colton—Minister for Environment and Conservation, Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water): I am advised that:

1. The first meeting of the Displaced Effort Working Group (DEWG) was an induction meeting and there was no communiqué produced from that meeting. A communiqué from meeting 6 was drafted, but was not finalised at the time by the DEWG. However, key matters from meeting 6 were dealt with in subsequent communiqués.

There were no communiqués produced from meetings 7 and 11, the latter being the DEWG's final meeting.