

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Program: Director of National Parks
Topic: Coral Sea Marine Reserve - Green Zones
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Question Type: Written

Senator Roberts asked:

If an impact study has been completed what is the estimated impact to the Cairns regional economy?

Answer:

My answer to Question on Notice 295 outlines the current state of the Commonwealth marine reserve planning process in reference to the Coral Sea. Impacts on Cairns and other regional economies will not be known until zoning of the reserves is finalised. Impacts on the commercial fishing industry will be calculated by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES).