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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

It was stated at the Estimates hearing on 27 February 2017 that the Department was aware of the recently released IMAS report.

Did EPA Tasmania or any other part of the Tasmanian Government alert the department to the timetable for release of this study?

What action did the receipt or discovery of this report prompt in the Department?

Answer:

The Tasmanian Environment Protection Authority provided the Department with the IMAS report 14 February 2017.

The Department had commenced planning for a compliance monitoring inspection of marine farming operations in Macquarie Harbour in November 2016, with the inspection commencing the week of 13 February 2017.

The Department is considering the findings in the IMAS report in the context of observations made during the inspection and allegations of non-compliance with the EPBC Act 'not a controlled action particular manner' decision.