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Senator Urquhart asked:

How and when were affected commercial businesses consulted with, if at all, prior to the postponement of the Fisheries Adjustment Package?

Answer:

The former proposed Fisheries Adjustment Assistance Package was designed to support the implementation of management plans for Commonwealth marine reserves. In December 2013, Minister Hunt and Senator Colbeck announced that the management plans had been set aside, and that there would be no 'on the water' changes until new management plans were in place following the review of Commonwealth marine reserves. Eligibility guidelines for the first stage of the Fisheries Adjustment Assistance Package had not been finalised prior to its postponement.