

T A S M A N I A
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION 2025

NOTICE OF QUESTION

11 March 2025

I (**Ms Webb**) tomorrow to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government —

In relation to commitments made to ensure the salmon industry operating in Tasmanian waters provides an appropriate return to the Tasmanian community:

- (1) Can the Government please provide a copy of the 2023/24 Cost Recovery Report, and also detail the following:
 - (a) Were administrative and management costs fully recovered?
 - (b) Noting the criteria for ‘cost recovery’ are very narrow, why are other costs – such as State Government contributions to IMAS salmonid research and development, and costs of independent monitoring by the EPA (including lab analyses) – not included as part of cost recovery?
- (2) What progress has been made to evaluate a broader ‘return to community’, and what consultation has been undertaken to seek community views on this?
- (3) Of the three major foreign owned salmon aquaculture companies operating in Tasmanian waters, can you confirm profits flow to foreign shareholders, and that two of the three companies pay no company tax, as reported by the Australian Taxation Office?
- (4) Given all three major salmon aquaculture companies operating in Tasmanian are beneficiaries of significant research subsidies, can you:
 - (a) Confirm IMAS completed a report in 2022 providing alternative strategies to tax economic rents made by the industry; and
 - (b) Confirm whether any of these measures will be implemented? If not, what alternative strategies are planned to ensure an appropriate return to the Tasmanian Community?

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