

SHARKS — HAZARD MITIGATION — DRUM LINES

364. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Fisheries:

On 13 February this year, the New South Wales government concluded a six-month trial of a Shark-Management-Alert-in-Real-Time drum lines shark mitigation system. I am aware that the McGowan government has been awaiting the outcome of those trials. Upon the publishing of those results, and assuming the findings are positive, I ask the following.

- (1) Does the government plan on utilising this technology here in WA?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), how long is it expected to take to manufacture; and where does the government plan on deploying and/or trialling this technology?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Fisheries has provided the following information.

- (1) The NSW SMART drum lines trials referred to in the question are ongoing and scheduled to finish this month. The McGowan government has always said that it would watch the drum line trials in NSW and await a thorough scientific assessment of their effectiveness in making beaches safer. Without a scientific assessment, it would not be appropriate for a minister to commit to these drum lines at this time.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.