

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM

325. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to question without notice 61 asked on 20 February 2014.

- (1) Have any more sharks caught on drum lines been tagged with acoustic tags since 20 February 2014?
- (2) For each of the sharks that have been tagged with acoustic tags to date, will the minister please provide details about if, and where, they have been detected since their release?
- (3) How many of the sharks that have been released from the drum lines have been recaptured, including how many of those that have been tagged with —
 - (a) acoustic tags; and
 - (b) non-transmitting tags?
- (4) How many of the sharks that have been released from the drum lines in the expectation they will survive have —
 - (a) since been found dead; or
 - (b) based on acoustic data, are suspected to be dead?
- (5) In what ways has the tagging and releasing of sharks from the drum lines increased our scientific knowledge to date?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) (a)–(b) None.
- (4) (a) Zero.
(b) One.
- (5) The tagging and releasing of sharks from drum lines has added to the number of sharks that are now part of this research program. This will generate a better understanding of the movements, location, species and number of sharks in Western Australian waters.