

**SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM**

**37. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the Minister for Fisheries:**

- (1) What Department of Fisheries' assets and human resources have been used in each of the south west and metropolitan drum line operations?
- (2) What functions, programs or duties have been foregone, amended or deferred by the fisheries department because resources have been used for the drum line operations?
- (3) Has the Department of Fisheries been given, or will it be given, any additional resources to compensate for the resources used for the drum line operations; and, if yes, how much and, if not, why not?
- (4) When will Department of Fisheries' management of the drum lines cease and departmental staff and boats return to normal duties?
- (5) What performance indicators are in place for the drum lines?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) Compliance services provided by the Department of Fisheries for work on the drum lines comprise one 20-metre patrol vessel that is staffed by two crews of three fisheries and marine officers. These crews operate 12-hour shifts and provide coverage for every day of the week. The compliance services are supplemented with research and fisheries management services as required.
- (2) Implementation of the drum line policy has required some temporary reallocation of priorities across the Department of Fisheries. The fisheries and marine officers who are currently implementing the drum line policy would normally be conducting other compliance activities in recreational and commercial fisheries, marine park and aquaculture compliance. The department anticipates receiving additional resourcing to compensate for this reallocation. The net effect on departmental compliance resources, unrelated to the drum line policy, is expected to be nil.
- (3) Refer to answer (2).
- (4) The current drum line operation is expected to cease on 30 April 2014 and the relevant staff will be reallocated to other departmental activities.
- (5) The department is required to manage the drum line program in accordance with the requirements set out in the "Shark Drum Line Deployment, Management and Associated Services" tender document. The department is reporting to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet as required in that document. The department also understands that the drum line operation is to be the subject of a review following 30 April 2014.