

SHARKS — DRUM LINE PROGRAM

873. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) Is it correct that no Department of Fisheries employees were forced to undertake activities relating to the Department's drum lining program?
- (2) Is it correct that some Department of Fisheries employees declined to undertake activities relating to the Department's drum lining program?
- (3) If yes to (2), how many employees declined?
- (4) In relation to the answer to (3), please state what branch or branches of the Department these employees work for?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(4) The drum line operations in the Metropolitan area are being conducted by Fisheries and Marine Officers from the Regional Services division of the Department of Fisheries. The Department approached officers with the required skills and experience requesting them to consider being rostered to the program. It is my understanding that 2 officers advised that they did not want to participate.