

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM

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

- (1) What was the full cost of the government's shark drum line program?
- (2) Has the government estimated the cost for each of the next three years?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the cost for each of the next three years?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The costs of the drum line component of the government's shark hazard mitigation strategy will be included in a review that is anticipated to be released in June 2014. Costs for future years are expected to be of the same magnitude but with due consideration to the additional —

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members!

Hon KEN BASTON: They do not want the answer, Mr President.

The PRESIDENT: Most of that answer was lost in the voices. Would the minister start again, please.

Hon KEN BASTON: Yes.

- (1)–(4) The costs of the drum line component of the government's shark hazard mitigation strategy will be included in a review that is anticipated to be released in June 2014. Costs for future years are expected to be of the same magnitude but with due consideration to the additional expenditure that will be incurred for the program running over an anticipated five and a half months instead of three months.