

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM

1192. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) I refer to question without notice No. 61 asked on 20 February 2014, and question without notice No. 325 asked on 2 April 2014, and ask if the Minister can please outline in detail the evidence that indicates that one of the three sharks that has been fitted with an acoustic tag is dead?
- (2) In regard to the shark referred to in (1), please state on what date and approximate time this shark was captured and released from a drum line and where?
- (3) What is the reason that no more sharks have been fitted with acoustic tags since the three previously referred to?
- (4) Has specialist training on tagging of sharks been provided to the South West contractor?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), what sorts of tags has the contractor been trained to attach to released sharks?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

- (1) The signal from a tagged tiger shark was detected by the same receiver for an extended period.
  - (2) This shark was captured and released on 5 February 2014 at Scarborough.
  - (3) The review of the current program will include development of criteria to determine what additional research activities are appropriate for each captured individual, this will include when tagging should be undertaken.
  - (4) Yes.
  - (5) Not applicable.
  - (6) Conventional.
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