

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM — ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT

172. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to today's announcement by the Environmental Protection Authority not to assess the drum lines off our coast.

- (1) When will the drum line proposal for annual deployment off popular beaches be referred to the EPA for assessment?
- (2) In reference to the minister's media statement of 27 December, when will we see the introduction of the coastal management zones under which local beach communities will develop shark plans for their regions?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1)–(2) When will we do access? I discovered only today that it came down in our favour. Obviously, once 30 April comes around, we will of course evaluate the process that has taken place. Then I believe we will make a decision from there.