

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM

352. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Fisheries:

In light of reports in today's media that the diver who was missing off Dawesville is likely to have been a victim of a shark attack, will the minister advise whether the shark mitigation program is to be extended beyond the end of this month and will include the Mandurah–Dawesville coast; and will the program be accreted when recommenced next season?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

First of all, the body found at Dawesville is subject to coronial inquiry and at this stage the cause of death is not known. In answer to the member's second point about whether we will extend the shark mitigation program, the answer is no; 30 April is the date it finishes and the program will be reviewed for September this year.