

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM

**17. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Fisheries:**

Has there ever been a fatality in Western Australia caused by a tiger shark?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for the question.

To my knowledge, there have been attacks by tiger sharks. I have not had proof of a death caused by a tiger shark, but I have been told that there is. I do not have the exact case, so that is it.

Several members interjected.

**Hon KEN BASTON:** Can I say that those three sharks are the sharks that were identified and are dangerous to humans. Those are the three sharks that were actually taken. The tiger shark is one of those three, and that was by —

**Hon Lynn MacLaren:** The tiger shark has never caused a fatality, minister. Do your research.

**Hon KEN BASTON:** It has, and there are some cases in which it is believed that it may have been a tiger shark. That is my information, and that is from an expert of Fisheries.

**Hon Lynn MacLaren:** Please update it; please look into it.

**Hon KEN BASTON:** Thank you.