

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM

35. Hon ALANNA CLOHESY to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the government's shark mitigation program.

- (1) For each of the south west operations and metropolitan operations, how much money has been spent to date on the drum line program, including the costs for security, equipment and contract monitoring?
- (2) For all drum lines, how many, in what locations, date and what size of each shark or other species —
 - (a) have been caught in total;
 - (b) have been released alive;
 - (c) have been killed and dumped; and
 - (d) have died on the hook prior to being landed?
- (3) How many animals, either shark or other, have been found on the hooks with injuries consistent with being attacked by a shark?
- (4) How many target sharks did the government calculate needed to be removed from the marine environment to reduce the risk of shark attack to a level the government considers is acceptable?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Full project costs are not able to be provided at this stage.
- (2) Please refer to information packages released by the Government Media Office on Tuesday, 18 February 2013, which I released in this Parliament yesterday.

Several members interjected.

Hon KEN BASTON: It is not pathetic because members can read it; it is easy and it is not very long.

- (3) Three.
- (4) The deployment of drum lines is a public safety measure that was introduced following the seventh shark-related fatality in three years. The government does not apologise for putting people's lives before sharks.