

SHARKS — DRUM LINE PROGRAM

874. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) Is it standard procedure for officers on the Department of Fisheries boats, involved in the drum lining program, to take a photograph of the animals caught on the drum lines?
- (2) If no to (1), please describe under what circumstances photographs are taken, and why they are sometimes not taken?
- (3) How any individual animals were captured on drum lines off Leighton Beach on the morning of Thursday, 20 February 2014?
- (4) Were photographs taken of all the animals captured on drum lines off Leighton Beach on the morning of Thursday, 20 February 2014?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) In order to address ongoing claims that a dolphin was captured on a drum line off Leighton Beach on the morning of Thursday, 20 February 2014, will the Minister table all photographs taken of all the animals captured on drum lines off Leighton Beach that morning?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Two Tiger sharks were captured on Leighton Beach drum lines on 20 February 2014. The first shark was removed at 6.40am and the second at 12.19pm.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) No. Catch data on drum line operations is released and made public on the Department of Fisheries website.