

FISHERIES — ANIMAL CARCASS

769. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) With reference to question without notice No. 51 of 20 February 2014, regarding the animal under the tarpaulin on the Department of Fisheries vessel off Leighton Beach on the morning of 20 February 2014, what was:
 - (a) the species of the animal;
 - (b) its level of maturity;
 - (c) its gender; and
 - (d) its physical state when retrieved?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a description of any injuries the animal had received?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1)
 - (a) Tiger shark
 - (b) Total length of 2.3 metres
 - (c) Female
 - (d) The shark was found to be nearly dead at the time of retrieval
- (2) The shark did not have any visible injuries but showed minimal signs of life when aboard the Fisheries vessel. The shark did not respond to actions taken by Fisheries Officers.