

SHARKS — SERIOUS THREAT GUIDELINES

232. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the “Guidelines for Taking Sharks Posing a Serious Threat to Public Safety”.

- (1) For each occasion that the guidelines have been implemented since 30 December 2014, what was —
 - (a) the date and location;
 - (b) the species of shark;
 - (c) the threat criteria that were met; and
 - (d) the outcome in terms of animals captured, released or destroyed?
- (2) If the guidelines have not been implemented since 30 December 2014, why not?
- (3) Of the total number of early warning system receivers off Perth and the south west, how many are currently online and functioning?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) (a)–(d) The Department of Fisheries uses the guidelines as part of the regular monitoring of shark activity. The department has not deployed capture gear since 30 December 2014.
- (2) The relevant criteria for implementation were not satisfied.
- (3) There are 25 early warning system receivers off Perth and the south west and all are currently online and functioning.