

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM

601. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the public environmental review document currently out for public comment regarding three more years of drum lining.

- (1) Was any of the stakeholder consultation referred to in section 3 of the public environmental review document on the proposed drum lining program from 2014–17 advertised publicly?
- (2) If yes to (1), can I please have a full description of what media and locations it was advertised in?
- (3) Why was, specifically, Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club approached by the government to be consulted out of the more than 25 local surf lifesaving clubs in the state?
- (4) Can the minister please give the time of day, dates and locations of each occasion when attempts have been made to catch and/or kill a specific shark deemed a threat, firstly under the imminent threat policy introduced in 2012, and then later as rapid response deployments made during the 2014 drum lining trial period?
- (5) In relation to (4), can the minister please state for each occasion whether the shark was captured and/or killed?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) No; public consultation is part of the current public environmental review process.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Consultation occurred with Mullaloo surf club particularly because of interest shown in shark hazard mitigation. In addition, consultation occurred with Surf Lifesaving WA in December 2013, throughout the trial and in May 2014.
- (4) Information regarding rapid response deployments is included on page 13 of “Review: Western Australia Shark Hazard Mitigation Drum Line Program 2013–14”, which can be found on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website. Under the imminent threat policy, capture gear has been set three times: Cape Arid, October 2013; Gracetown, November 2013; and Dunsborough, January 2013.
- (5) No sharks were killed in the imminent threat or rapid response deployments.