

SHARK DRUM LINE PROGRAM — TREASURY APPROPRIATION

83. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Fisheries:

In an earlier answer to a question today from Hon Rick Mazza, the minister informed the house that the shark mitigation drum line initiative is being funded by a separate appropriation from Treasury. This is at odds with previous statements that this initiative was to be funded internally.

- (1) How much is the appropriation?
- (2) If it has been paid to Fisheries already, when was it paid?
- (3) If it is still to be provided to Fisheries, when will it be provided to Fisheries?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for the question.

- (1)–(3) I do not have those answers here with the exact amount or what the dates are. I ask the member to place the question on notice.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members!

Hon Sue Ellery interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Leader of the Opposition, you have asked your question; you have got an answer. We know that the answer provided does not have to meet your expectations, but that is the answer.