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Notes to the Budget Papers

Significant Issues Impacting the Agency - continue

2. In response to a series of **fatal shark attacks**, the Government has strengthened its cross-agency shark hazard mitigation strategies. More resources are being invested into the Department to enable it to conduct new and continuing activities over the next four years, including additional funding to expand the shark monitoring network, research, electronic tagging of sharks, and additional community awareness programs to increase public awareness of the risks of shark attacks and how to deal with those risks.

Additional Information to support this item

Key Outcomes in 2013/14 financial year:

- Launch of the new Sharksmart website including mapping of tagged shark detections.
- Extension of the Shark Monitoring Network in the South West with five (5) additional satellite linked receivers installed at the following locations: Bunbury, Busselton, Meelup (Dunsborough), Ellen Cove (Albany) and Frenchmans Bay (Albany). An additional three (3) will be installed in the next phase of the project.
- Trial of a shark exclusion enclosure in the South West (Dunsborough).
- Department of Fisheries resources tasked to patrol and manage the baited drum lines deployed within the metropolitan MMA.

Shark Mitigation Funding - Fisheries

	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	Total
Shark Mitigation Funding							
Fisheries Recurrent							
Shark Mitigation 2012-13 Budget Process		500	1,250	1,250	550		3,550
Shark Mitigation 2011-12 Budget Process	500	1,100	1,100	600	450	450	4,200
Fisheries Recurrent Total	500	1,600	2,350	1,850	1,000	450	7,750
Capital							
FIS - Shark Mitigation 2012-13 Budget Process			300	300			600
Total Capital	0	0	300	300	0	0	600
Total Shark Mitigation Funding	500	1,600	2,650	2,150	1,000	450	8,350

	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	Total
Fisheries Projects							
Shark Research	250	650	650	150			1,700
Shark Tagging and Tracking - recurrent			700	700			1,400
Shark Tagging and Tracking - capital			300	300			600
Shark Response Unit & Community Engagement	250	450	450	450	450	450	2,500
Additional Community Awareness Initiatives			50	50	50		150
Imminent threat operational response		500	500	500	500		2,000
Fisheries Total	500	1,600	2,650	2,150	1,000	450	8,350