

FISHING — LOCAL LAWS — COTTESLOE

**464. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Fisheries:**

I refer to the 23 February 2019 *The West Australian* article headed “Fishermen cry foul over Cottesloe beach chain ban”, which states that the Cottesloe council wants to prohibit the use of fishing lines with wire or chain, which are often used to catch sharks.

- (1) What power does the local government have for matters that would usually be the responsibility of the department of fisheries?
- (2) Has the department of fisheries ceded power to local government?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Fisheries.

- (1) I am not in a position to comment on the specific powers of local government. This is a matter for the Minister for Local Government.
- (2) There has been no change to the jurisdiction of fisheries matters. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development remains the lead agency for the management of fish and aquatic resources in Western Australia. However, other agencies may have powers to regulate activities that may impact on fishing.