

SHARK DETERRENT DEVICES — SUBSIDY

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

I refer to part (3) of my question without notice 315 asked on Wednesday 28 June, 2017, which reads —

Given that this subsidy is highly indicative of the government's confidence in the effectiveness and reliability of these devices, has the government sought legal advice on the state's exposure to claims for compensation should a subsidised device prove ineffective in a shark attack event?

and to the Minister's response, which reads —

I understand the Department of Fisheries has sought legal advice on the rebate scheme.

- (1) Can the minister provide a copy of the legal advice provided to the Department of Fisheries on the rebate scheme?
- (2) If not, why not?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for notice of the question. The Minister for Fisheries has provided the following answer.

- (1) No.
- (2) The legal advice is subject to legal professional privilege.