

SHARKS — HAZARD MITIGATION

**1152. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Fisheries:**

- (1) How many shark monitoring receivers are operating presently in Western Australia, and where are these receivers located?
- (2) What is the approximate cost of these receivers in capital and recurrent terms?
- (3) Can the minister advise when the government will complete the upgrade to these receivers, as advised in his answer of 7 December?

**Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:**

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

- (1) There are currently 34 shark monitoring receivers deployed between the Perth metropolitan area and Esperance.
- (2) The capital cost of a shark monitoring receiver will vary dependent on location and installation costs. The capital costs are between \$45 000 and \$75 000. The recurrent cost varies according to the number of detections within the receiver array. The approximate recurrent costs are between \$50 000 and \$55 000 each year.
- (3) The government has provided funding for these upgrades through to the 2022–23 financial year.