

SHARKS — HAZARD MITIGATION

724. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Fisheries:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister commit to expand the DRF coverage east and west of the transceiver at Leighton Beach so that Port and Cable Station Reef are covered as well, and also —

The SPEAKER: Sorry, no “and also”. That is the question. Please answer it.

Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:

What I will commit to for this incident, as with every incident, is that we will review all the circumstances and factors that have contributed to the response that has been put in place, and I will take advice on that accordingly.

The SPEAKER: In concluding question time, I will give members some advice. One is that supplementary questions have to be simple, direct and to the point. They should not contain either a preamble or more than one question. Another piece of advice is that although we had some refreshingly brief ministerial answers today, we also had some rather lengthy ones that extended the time of question time somewhat. If this continually happens, I may have to consider allowing fewer questions in question time. Finally, I remind members that under our standing orders, members cannot directly accuse a member of this house or the other house of lying. If you would like to accuse someone of lying, you need to do it by way of a substantive motion.

That concludes question time.