

Question on Notice

No. 1641

Asked on 13 November 2018

MR M BOOTHMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland's Shark Control Program—

Will the Minister advise the total program budget, FTE staff allocation and the total number of nets and drumlines established across the state from 2014-15 to 2017-18 (reported separately for each measure by year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Program Funding:

The total program spend (actual) and FTE between 2014/15 and 2017/18 are below:

| Year | Program spend (actual) | FTE |
|---------|------------------------|-----|
| 2017/18 | \$3.6 million | 3 |
| 2016/17 | \$3.3 million | 3 |
| 2015/16 | \$3.4 million | 3 |
| 2014/15 | \$3.1 million | 3 |

The program is delivered on the water through contractors who are not part of this FTE count.

As part of the 2018/19 budget, the Government approved additional funding of \$2.1 million over four years, and an additional \$731 000 per annum ongoing to help meet the growing cost of the Program. This forms part of the larger departmental Shark Control Program, with total funding of \$16.1 million over four years and \$4.2 million per annum ongoing.

Nets and Drumlines:

Over the last five years, the total amount of shark control apparatus has increased.

| Year | Nets | Drumlines | Total |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|
| 2017/18 | 27 | 383 | 410 |
| 2016/17 | 27 | 383 | 410 |
| 2015/16 | 29 | 368 | 397 |
| 2014/15 | 30 | 362 | 392 |