

Question on Notice

No. 44

Asked on 4 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Palaszczuk Labor Government's revised shark control program— Will the Minister guarantee the use of drones and provide a timeframe for their deployment – not just in the Whitsundays but also in other parts of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Trials of drones will be undertaken starting this year, across a range of locations to assess their effectiveness in different locations and environmental conditions.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries will work with Surf Life Saving Queensland, tourism operators and drone companies as part of the trials.