

Estimates Committee 2004 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Shark Fishery Licences

From: Mr Gerry Wood to Honourable Paul HENDERSON
Minister for Police Fire and Emergency Services

Question: 5-4
Minister, could you say how many times have shark fishery licensees been checked to see if they fulfil the conditions set out by the Executive Director of Fisheries on 30 September 2003, as to the conditions of their licences in regard to the percentage of frozen or fresh fin verses - in this case, it can be trunk weight or fillet weight etcetera, or as the conditions of this licence require?

Answer:
Answered On: 24/06/2004
Answer: The Marine and Fisheries Enforcement Unit liaises closely with the Fishery Management Officers of the Fisheries Group of DBIRD.

Risk Assessments are conducted in respect of activities in the Fishery and enforcement effort is directed to those areas where risk is recognised.

Since 1 May 2004 there have been 13 checks on shark fishery licences, consequential to the Risk Assessment determination.

The vessels were checked against all licence conditions, including those in relation to percentage of frozen or fresh fin weight - versus - trunk or fillet weight. No offences have been detected thus far.