

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD LABELLING

2527. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

I refer to the current negotiations involving Australia and the United States, over the Trans Pacific Free Trade Agreement (TPPFTA). The United States biotech industry group's submission on TPPFTA calls for no genetically engineered (GE) labelling, and for countries like Australia to discontinue any local safety testing on GE products, and ask —

- (1) What influence will the Trans pacific Free Trade Agreement have on GE food labelling in Western Australia?
- (2) Will the Minister support the continuation of local safety testing on GE products in Western Australia?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

Department of Agriculture and Food

- (1) None.
- (2) Yes.

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