

WHEAT FIELD TRIALS - GRAIN BIOTEC AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

**122. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

- (1) Is the minister aware of Grain Biotec Australia Pty Ltd's successful wheat field trials near Corrigin?
- (2) Is the minister also aware that the company is considering leaving Western Australia and relocating to Queensland as a result of a lack of government support?
- (3) Has the minister met Grain Biotec representatives to find a solution?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I am aware that Grain Biotech Australia Pty Ltd has said it would wind up its operations but I am unaware of the statement in the second part of the member's question that it may move to Queensland. I hope that it does because I would like that company to continue.
- (3) I have met GBA representatives on a number of occasions since it has been active in Western Australia. They have not sought a meeting with me about their decision to wind up the company. Indeed, they have never raised the matter of financing with me.