

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — PORTFOLIOS — DEBT COLLECTION AGENCIES

170. Ms M.J. Davies to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry:

As at 31 May 2021, for all agencies or departments under the Minister's responsibility, please identify:

- (a) The debt collection agencies which currently have contractual agreements; and
- (b) If there are active debt recovery actions and what are the total values of debt sought per agency or department?

**Mr D.A. Templeman replied:**

- (a) The debt collection agencies that currently have contractual agreements are as follows:
  - (i) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has engaged Baycorp, under Common Use Agreements (CUADRS2018).
  - (ii) The Rural Business Development Corporation (RBDC) has engaged National Credit Management Limited (NCML), under Common Use Agreements (CUADRS2018).

No Regional Development Commissions (RDCs) have contractual agreements with debt collection agencies.

- (b) At 31 May 21, outstanding debt collection was:
  - (i) DPIRD (with Baycorp) – 24 cases totalling \$29,415.31.
  - (ii) RBDC (with NCML) – 1 case for \$13,050.00.

There are no active debt recovery actions associated with the RDCs.