

AGRICULTURE — DECLARED PEST RATE

**1570. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the collection of the declared pest rate for the 2022–23 financial year.

- (1) What was the total of the declared pest rate collected from landholders from each of the state's recognised biosecurity groups for the year?
- (2) What detail of landholder refusal to pay the DPR has RevenueWA provided the minister this year?
- (3) Will the minister table in the house RevenueWA's breakdown of payment refusal numbers associated with each recognised biosecurity group in Western Australia for the 2022–23 financial year?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Food, who is absent on urgent parliamentary business.

- (1) An amount of \$3 008 165.82 was collected from landholders in the areas of operation below—that refers to a table that I will get to. No funds are collected from recognised biosecurity groups. A breakdown of rates collected has been provided in tabular form. I seek leave to have that incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Biosecurity Area	Rates collected
Blackwood Biosecurity Area	234,298
Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Area	366,064
Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Area	200,045
Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Area	169,681
Esperance Biosecurity Area	50,067
Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Area	320,111
Kimberley Rangelands Biosecurity Area	306,743
Leschenault Biosecurity Area	177,343
Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Area	237,369
Midlands Biosecurity Area	168,692
Northern Biosecurity Area	207,269
Peel Harvey Biosecurity Area	267,169
Pilbara Region Biosecurity Area	213,797
Southern Biosecurity Area	89,516
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,008,166</b>

- (2)–(4) Not applicable. RevenueWA manages the collection process for the declared pest rate on behalf of the state. The Commissioner of State Revenue has the authority to pursue any unpaid rates.