

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PINJARRA AND HARVEY OFFICES

**735. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

- (1) Has the minister met with the Shires of Harvey and Murray since 3 August, following a request to reconsider the decision to close the offices of the Department of Agriculture in Pinjarra and Harvey?
- (2) If so, what was the outcome?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What is the final position regarding the establishment of a Department of Agriculture office in Waroona?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

- (1)-(4) The question was whether I had met with the Shires of Harvey and Murray since 3 August. I have met with both shires, but I need to check whether that was before or after 3 August. I did undertake to look at some issues. There has been correspondence between my office and at least one of the shires, possibly both. No new issues were raised in the correspondence that were not discussed at the meetings with the shires. My original decision stands on the establishment of a Department of Agriculture office in Waroona.