

BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1269. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise:

I refer to the Western Australian biotechnology industry development strategy and ask -

- (1) What key actions has the government addressed since the biotech strategy was launched?
- (2) How has the government addressed them?
- (3) What state government funds have been spent to address each of these key actions?
- (4) Has the WA state biotechnology industry development strategy's annual report been completed?
- (5) When will it be made publicly available?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Barry House for some notice of this question.

- (1) Key actions addressed by the government since the launch of the Western Australian biotechnology industry development strategy include building capacity, building capability, going global and building understanding.
- (2) The government has addressed these key actions through the announcement of funding of \$4.17 million over three years, starting from 2007-08.
- (3) Since the announcement of funding, expenditure has included: building capacity, \$250; building capability, \$61 000; and going global, \$14 700, which total \$75 950.
- (4) The annual report has not been completed to date, although it will be produced in the first quarter of 2008.
- (5) Information on key actions is published in the Department of Industry and Resources annual report 2007.