

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — REDUNDANCIES

166. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) How many applications for redundancy have been received by the Department of Agriculture and Food since 23 September 2008?
- (2) Of those, how many have been paid out?
- (3) What towns or regions were those officers who were made redundant based in?
- (4) What was the total cost of the redundancy payments made?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) There have been 183 applications received.
- (2) Of those, 141 have been paid out.
- (3) Of those, 78 officers were based in the metropolitan area; 14 were based in the central Agricultural Region; eight were based in the northern Agricultural Region; five were based in the rangelands; 19 were based in the southern Agricultural Region; and, 17 were based in the south west Agricultural Region.
- (4) The total cost of redundancy payments made was \$10 725 527, excluding leave payments.