

SOUTH WEST AGRIFOOD PROCESSING PRECINCT

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

I refer to the proposed development of the South West Agrifood Processing Precinct and the appointment of a consultant to oversee the due diligence process of the project.

- (1) Has a community consultation been included in the terms of reference for this consultant; and, if not, why not?
- (2) If no to (1), how can the public have its say in the development of this food precinct?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

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

- (1) No. The consultant conducted a technical due diligence on the site.
- (2) A community member sits on the South West Agrifood Processing Precinct Steering Committee. Two newsletters have been distributed and one public meeting held to update the community on developments. The newsletters encourage community input. Further newsletters will be produced and meetings held. A website is being established. The consultant's due diligence report will be made available to the public. The public will be invited to comment.