

GENETICALLY MODIFIED GRAIN CROPS

137. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Premier:

Further to what has just been said, does the Premier still support the GM wheat trials planned for Corrigin this year, considering GM containment has already failed in Western Australia and further contamination, especially in wheat, would really jeopardise those wheat sales?

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

Mr M.P. Murray: We're not in government now! You're in government! You're making the decisions!

The SPEAKER: I formally call to order the Minister for Agriculture and Food and the member for Collie–Preston for the first time today. The member for Collie–Preston has asked a question of the Premier; he has not asked it of anybody else. I expect the answer from the Premier.

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

I support science and I support research programs, but this government has not made any decision to support GM wheat, and I do not expect we will.