

MALLEE SEED, MANJIMUP SEED CENTRE

**1589. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

I refer to the high oil quality mallee seed held at the Manjimup seed centre.

- (1) Who owns the seed and on what basis do they own the rights to the seed?
- (2) Has the Department of Conservation and Land Management entered into any contract for the supply or sale of the seed?
- (3) If yes to (2) -
  - (a) is this an exclusive contract; and
  - (b) with whom was the contract entered into?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

I was sure Hon Jim Scott asked the question of the appropriate minister.

Hon Jim Scott: The problem is that it crosses over two ministers.

The PRESIDENT: We are just grateful that the appropriate minister has recognised the appropriate question.

Hon KIM CHANCE: I have in part, but I am afraid that the member will not be very happy with the answer.

- (1) The high oil quality mallee seed at Manjimup seed orchard was provided to the Forest Products Commission - I can answer that part of the question - for storage by the Department of Conservation and Land Management. I understand the seed was collected from CALM-managed seed orchards.
- (2)-(3) As the member might have expected, he is requested to refer this portion of the question to the Minister for the Environment, who is responsible for CALM.