

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA CROPS — STATE REGISTER

5857. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the beekeepers who wish to produce and market organic honey, all certified organic produce must have a zero genetically modified (GM) presence, whereas non-GM products under national standards can contain up to 0.9 per cent of unintended GM presence. I ask:

- (a) will the Minister set up a State register of all Western Australian properties that grow genetically modified canola, wheat and cotton;
- (b) will the Minister provide a detailed map on the Department's website that clearly identifies each property that has registered to grow a genetically modified crop, as has been done for registered sensitive sites;
- (c) can the Minister provide an explanation of how one can identify which property is growing GM canola by looking at the *Western Australian GM Canola Growers Area by Shire* or the *Western Australian GM Canola Growers Count by Shire* maps provided on the Department's website; and
- (d) can the Minister provide an explanation of how one can identify which property is growing GM canola by looking at the list of *2011 Commercial Planting of Genetically Modified Canola in WA*?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (a)–(d) As previously advised on 20 April 2010 and 16 June 2010, privacy issues prevent the set up of a register of commercial GM growers or publication of a map identifying the properties with commercial GM plantings in Western Australia.