

MONSANTO AND INTERGRAIN — PARTNERSHIP

477. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I have a supplementary question. Part of my question asked what price was put on the IP of InterGrain; I did not hear an answer to that at all.

Mr J.N. Hyde: It's a government asset.

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

I just made the point that that is a commercial-in-confidence issue.

Mr M.P. Murray: Come on! It's a government department! How about tabling some of your reports as well?

Mr D.T. REDMAN: This company is required to behave in a commercial way.

Mr M.P. Murray: No wonder another crook got into the National Party—the whole lot of you are crooks!

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston, I gave you an opportunity to ask a supplementary question, not to continue to hurl invective across the floor. I am formally going to call you for the third time.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I think I have actually explained the reason why I cannot put a value on that. I still believe that it is absolutely the right decision. Western Australian grain growers have got value for money, and they now have access, through InterGrain, to technologies of an international standard, which will ensure that Western Australian grain growers are in the forefront of productivity in the world.