

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA — CONTAMINATION ISSUES

4684. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

I refer to issues pertaining to genetically modified (GM) canola, and I ask:

- (a) following the unwanted contamination of GM canola, what audits have been undertaken;
- (b) if no audits have been done, when will they be done;
- (c) how many properties will be subject to an audit;
- (d) when GM canola is transported by truck, what is the protocol for part loads of GM canola; and
- (e) will GM canola be mixed in with non-GM canola to utilise the full load of a trailer?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (a) The Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia have audited three GM canola growers since 1 December 2010.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The DAFWA 2010 audit program was completed in February 2011. 53 GM canola growers were audited.
- (d)-(e) Individual growers will decide on the transport arrangements for their loads of canola. All loads of canola grain that contain more than 0.9 per cent GM canola must be declared as GM at delivery.