

WILD DOGS — DOG BAIT

1334. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the wild dog bait para-aminopropiophenone, which is approved by the Agriculture Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority and is used in other jurisdictions. PAPP has no risk of secondary poisoning and an antidote is available for domestic dogs that may inadvertently ingest it.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia and the Department of Health are currently considering the use of PAPP for the control of wild dogs in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the estimated time frame for the necessary state government approvals?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that this initiative is a result of wild dog sightings in the Darling Range?

Hon MARK LEWIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Approval of para-aminopropiophenone is following due process as required for restricted chemical products. This process is well advanced. Approval will be announced when the amended code of practice is formally endorsed.
- (3) No. Approval for the use of PAPP in Western Australia is sought to provide an additional toxin for wild dog and fox control, for which there is an antidote for working farm and domestic dogs.