

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — SOUTH WEST REGION

402. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

In refer to the Department of Agriculture's South West Agriculture Region, and ask:

- (a) how many staff officers are/were employed in the South West Agriculture Region's department in:
 - (i) 2013;
 - (ii) 2011; and
 - (iii) 2009;
- (b) of the number of staff officers in 2013, 2011 and 2009, what were the job classifications and official titles of these staff (both full-time equivalent and part-time);
- (c) of the number of staff officers in 2013, 2011 and 2009, how many were engaged in or had biosecurity mentioned in their job description;
- (d) of the number of staff officers in 2013, 2011 and 2009, how many were engaged in or had declared plants and/or noxious weeds mentioned in their job description;
- (e) how many staff officers are currently employed to engage the community coordinated response to contain widespread and established weeds in the South West Agriculture Region; and
- (f) when will the community coordinated response to contain noxious weeds be available to the public?

Mr D.T. Redman replied:

- (a) The data utilised to answer this question provides the average number of staff / FTE in this region over the span of the financial year;
 - (i) 2013; FTE = 106 / Headcount = 117
 - (ii) 2011; FTE = 110 / Headcount = 121
 - (iii) 2009; FTE = 131 / Headcount = 145
- (b) The data utilised to answer this question provides the number of staff, position titles and classifications as at the 13th June of each year [See paper 416.].
- (c) The data utilised to answer this question provides the actual number of staff engaged in or with biosecurity mentioned in their job description as at the 13th June of each year. i.e. Manager (Invasive Species), Biosecurity Officers, Senior Biosecurity Officers, Veterinary Officers, Senior Veterinary Officers and Stock Inspectors.
 - (i) 2013; 13
 - (ii) 2011; 13
 - (iii) 2009; 16
- (d) The data utilised to answer this question provides the number of staff engaged in or with declared plants and/or noxious weeds mentioned in their job description as at the 13th June of each year. i.e. Manager (Invasive Species), Biosecurity Officers and Senior Biosecurity Officers.
 - (i) 2013; 8
 - (ii) 2011; 8
 - (iii) 2009; 11
- (e) The officers identified in part (d) support community engagement on widespread and established weeds. DAFWA is working with local government and regional Natural Resource Management groups to encourage community coordinated response to widespread and established weeds.
- (f) It is already available through the Recognised Biosecurity Group provisions of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act and Regulations.