

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — COTTON BUSH ERADICATION — SOUTH WEST REGION

4032. Hon Adele Farina to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) In 2015–2016, what programs were funded by the Government to eradicate cotton bush on State-owned land in the South West region?
- (2) Where was that money spent?

Hon Jim Chown replied:

- (1) The Department of Parks and Wildlife has an annual program to control weeds including Cotton bush. At least six other State Government instrumentalities with responsibilities for public land undertake unspecified weed control programs considering community interests.
- (2) The Department of Parks and Wildlife weed control program for 2015/16 is for 48 National Parks, Conservation Reserves and plantations. In addition, a targeted Cotton bush control program is undertaken in the Wungong and Rockingham regional parks.