

MUIR'S CORELLA — POPULATION INCREASE

4854. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the population explosion of the Muir Corella in the Boyup Brook region, which, at recent count, was 17,000 (an increase of 7,000 in five years), I ask:

- (a) are there any plans to cull the expanding Corella population in this area;
- (b) has the Minister been made aware that land owners in this area are requesting a cull; and
- (c) will the Minister release the report on Agricultural Impact of Muirs Corellas, commissioned in 2008 by the Hon Kim Chance?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (a) No. Muir's Corella is a protected native species which is currently listed as "rare or likely to become extinct" pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and ranked as "endangered" by the WA Threatened Species Scientific Committee.

It is also listed as vulnerable under Section 178 of the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes. I will table the report, commissioned by the former Minister for Agriculture, titled 'Report on Agricultural Impact of Muir's Corella, 30 June 2008' which has had the personal details of the land holders involved removed.