

INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION TRIALS

**1027. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the industrial hemp production trials in the south west, funded by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and AgriFutures Australia, which aims to develop a thriving industrial hemp industry through research and industry development.

- (1) Given that this was a three-year project from 2021 to 2023, does the government intend to continue its partnership with AgriFutures to work with industrial hemp in 2024?
- (2) Will the position currently funded by DPIRD to work with AgriFutures to investigate industrial hemp continue in 2024?
- (3) If the position will no longer be funded, why not?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) Yes.
- (3) Not applicable.