

DROUGHT REFORM MEASURES — FUNDING

4812. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the pilot of drought reform measures running from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, a project undertaken with the Federal Government, I ask the Minister to provide:

- (a) a breakdown of funding provided to date by both the State and Federal governments for each of the following pilot reform measures:
  - (i) Building Farm Businesses program;
  - (ii) Farm Family Support program;
  - (iii) Farm Social Support program;
  - (iv) Rural and Regional Support Service;
  - (v) Online Counselling for Rural Young Australians Initiative;
  - (vi) Farm Exit Support;
  - (vii) Beyond Farming; and
  - (viii) Stronger Rural Communities; and
- (b) the amount of funding to date injected by the Department of Food and Agriculture into the program?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (a)
  - (i) Response, to the 28 February 2011:  
WA Government \$18,700  
Australian Government \$151,300
  - (ii) Response, to the 28 February 2011  
WA Government \$ nil  
Australian Government \$1,658,731
  - (iii) This program consists of: Rural Support Initiative (to date no expenditure) Rural and Regional Support Services and Online Counselling for Rural Young Australians Initiative, see below for actual expenditure.
  - (iv) Response, to the 28 February 2011:  
WA Government \$ nil  
Australian Government \$945,000
  - (v) Response, to the 28 February 2011:  
WA Government \$ nil  
Australian Government \$558,819
  - (vi) Response, to the 28 February 2011:  
WA Government \$ nil  
Australian Government \$ nil
  - (vii) Response, to the 28 February 2011:  
WA Government \$ nil  
Australian Government \$28,895
  - (viii) Response, to the 28 February 2011:  
WA Government \$ nil  
Australian Government \$541,946
- (b) The Western Australian Government via the Rural Business Development Corporation has funded to the 28 February 2011, the following;  
Farm Planning program \$2,148,789  
Building Farm Businesses \$18,700 (net after Australian Government recoup)  
The Western Australian Government via the Department of Agriculture and Food has funded to the 28 February 2011, the following;  
Administration of the Drought Pilot \$298,409

