

PULSE BREEDING PROGRAM

3960. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

- (1) How long is the pulse breeding program expected to continue?
- (2) Has there been other industry specialist partners working on the program with the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia; and
  - (i) if so, who are they?
- (3) How many staff are involved in the pulse breeding program?
- (4) What are their positions and levels?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

Department of Agriculture and Food

- (1) Pulse breeding is on-going through a National Pulse Breeding partnership of entity Pulse Breeding Australia (PBA), which is an unincorporated joint venture involving the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (the Department) with the Grain Research and Development Corporation and four other State departments and the University of Adelaide.
- (2) Yes
  - (i) The Department has been involved in a separate chickpea breeding program with the Council of Grain Growers Organisation (COGGO) and the University of Western Australia.
- (3) Thirteen.
- (4) Senior Plant Breeder SCL 4  
Research Officer SCL 4  
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Research Officer SCL 4  
Development Officer SCL 3  
Technical Officer L 4  
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