

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD - FUNDING FOR NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL
REGION

167. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

Will the minister confirm whether an application for additional funding by the Department of Agriculture and Food to assist farmers in the northern agricultural region as a result of an exceptionally dry year has been refused; and, if so, why?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

From recollection, I think that two or three applications have been refused. In one case, the application came from a person outside the zoned area. I am answering purely from what I recall from reading a document a month or so ago. The other two, I think, were ruled outside the guidelines established for the scheme. Probably their net worth exceeded the scheme's upper limit. I can get more accurate information. I know that it was only a very small number.