

GENETICALLY MODIFIED COTTON — ORD RIVER

6086. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the proposed genetically modified (GM) cotton in the Ord River Irrigation area, I ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise of the percentage, by volume, of the GM cotton harvest that will go to:
 - (i) lint for fabric manufacture;
 - (ii) oil for cooking oil;
 - (iii) oil for bio-diesel; and
 - (iv) cotton meal for livestock consumption?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (a)
 - (i) 100 per cent of the lint will be used for fabric and textiles.
 - (ii)–(iv) Market forces will decide the exact proportion of the GM cotton used for cooking oil, biodiesel and cotton meal.