

AGRICULTURE COLLEGES

**770. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to agricultural college student applications.

- (1) Please provide the following data for each individual agricultural college for the years 2019 and 2020.
  - (a) How many applications were received?
  - (b) How many prospective students made it to interview?
  - (c) How many applicants were declined enrolment?
- (2) Are student numbers capped at each college; and, if yes, what is the cap for the years 2020 and 2021 at each college?
- (3) What were the reasons prospective students are declined entry to agricultural colleges?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The answer is set out in tabular form by each college and for the two years requested. I seek leave to have that table incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

<b>WA College of Agriculture – Cunderdin</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
(a) Applications received	128	119
(b) Prospective students interviewed	102	89
(c) Applicants declined	8	2
<b>WA College of Agriculture – Denmark</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
(a) Applications received	84	67
(c) Prospective students interviewed	74	67
(c) Applicants declined	9	0
<b>WA College of Agriculture – Harvey</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
(a) Applications received	122	135
(b) Prospective students interviewed	109	116
(c) Applicants declined	23	29
<b>WA College of Agriculture – Morawa</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
(a) Applications received	48	42
(b) Prospective students interviewed	19	31
(c) Applicants declined	0	0
<b>WA College of Agriculture – Narrogin</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
(a) Applications received	66	94
(b) Prospective students interviewed	66	94
(c) Applicants declined	13	17

- (2) Each college has an overall cap on student numbers determined by the capacity of the farm enterprises to deliver appropriate educational experience for students. There is also a cap on the number of boarders determined by the number of available beds. The number of day students will vary depending on the number of boarders enrolled. The answer contains another table. I seek leave to have that incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

	<b>Overall cap</b>	<b>Boarding cap</b>
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WACOA – Cunderdin	142	142
WACOA – Denmark	140	96
WACOA – Harvey	178	128
WACOA – Morawa	100	72
WACOA – Narrogin	172	128

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- (3) The first criterion is availability of places. Subsequently, students are selected on the basis of their interest in agricultural education and their past behavioural record and, if boarding, their suitability for living in a residential environment.