

BIOSECURITY AND AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT ACT — REVIEW

141. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 51 asked by me on 6 May 2021.

- (1) How many members will the minister appoint to the review panel referred to in the answer to question without notice 51?
- (2) What experience or qualifications will determine eligibility for membership of the panel and how will they be appointed?
- (3) Will the minister ensure relevant agricultural industries, people with experience and recognised biosecurity groups are represented on the panel?
- (4) Will the minister please table an updated time line for —
 - (a) the establishment of the panel; and
 - (b) the commencement of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act review?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(4) I have explained to the member in the past that the work of the review has commenced. Although the panel has not yet been appointed, I am looking at appointing somewhere between four and six people. I expect to have the panel established by the end of July this year. Of course, I am looking at a panel with a diversity of experience and will make sure there are people with relevant agriculture industry experience and people who have experience with recognised biosecurity groups. Of course, if the member has any suggestions, I am happy to entertain them.