

SYNERGY — COAL IMPORTS

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

I refer to question on notice 676, asked by Shane Love, MLA, in relation to coal imports and origin of that coal.

- (1) What WA-specific biosecurity controls are in place for coal and boats importing coal from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Indonesia?
- (2) Has the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development provided advice to all regional ports and Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety in relation to biosecurity risks from the regions in (1); and, if no, which ports have not been provided advice?
- (3) Has DPIRD provided the minister advice on the potential risks of this coal importation to Western Australia's unique flora and fauna, and our agricultural sector?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) Biosecurity measures for international imports are controlled by the federal government. I encourage the honourable member to refer these questions to the federal minister responsible for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.