

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS FREE AREAS ACT — REPEAL

228. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Was any form of research conducted directly with farmers about whether they supported the repeal of the Genetically Modified Free Areas Bill 2003, or was the decision to repeal it based on information provided by key farm lobby groups?
- (2) If so, where are the results?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. I am assuming that when he refers to the bill, he means the act.

- (1)–(2) The repeal of the act was undertaken by the previous government. A report titled “Decision Regulatory Impact Statement: Repeal of the *Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003*”, which summarises the consultation, is available on the Department of Agriculture and Food’s website. I can endeavour to get a printout of that, and I will do so if the member wishes.