

DRONES — SURVEILLANCE DEVICES ACT REVIEW

**1139. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to a motion that I put forward on 21 February about rural crime. In reply, the minister suggested that a review of the Surveillance Devices Act 1998 may be necessary to consider privacy concerns around drone usage, stating —

Given the emerging prevalence of drones in the intervening 20 years, it is really quite important that we look at whether these laws are adequate for these purposes.

- (1) Does the minister still support a review of the Surveillance Devices Act 1998?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will the government be undertaking this review?
- (3) Will the state government be taking any steps at all to manage surveillance and privacy concerns associated with drone usage in Western Australia?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. As we advised his office, for some reason I got this question very late. I have not had time to deal with it, but I will undertake to have an answer by the end of the week.