

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — POSSIBLE CONTAMINATED SITE

1066. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) What current activities will be closed or relocated at the Department of Agriculture and Food headquarters to allow for the sale of the 14.2 hectares of land that was announced today, and when will this occur?
- (2) Has any contamination been identified at this site?
- (3) What is the current estimated cost to remediate this contamination?
- (4) Has the department previously been requested to identify surplus land that can be sold to fund the development of the new department headquarters?
- (5) If yes to (4), what land has been identified and how much is it expected to realise?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Subject to pending government decisions, the department is planning to consolidate into a new headquarters redevelopment on the existing site, releasing around 14.2 hectares of surplus land for sale when completed in 2021, accommodating all current business activities.
- (2) Yes, noting that the Department of Environment Regulation has classified the site as “possibly contaminated—investigation required”, and has lodged a memorial confirming this classification on the land title.
- (3) The cost is not known at this stage.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Three metropolitan sites were approved for sale in the cabinet approval given for the headquarters redevelopment project. The anticipated funding realised from the sale of the Forrestfield site, the Medina site and the part sale of the Kensington–South Perth site is estimated at \$48.4 million.