

LICE — SHEEP FLOCKS

844. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) When will the Minister for Agriculture and Food introduce legislation to reflect a regulatory application to enhance the control of lice in sheep flocks?
- (2) Has the minister engaged any stakeholders, including grassroots farmers, in the development of the legislation; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Will the minister immediately commit to fund the eradication of this infestation that is costing the state and farmers hundreds of thousands of dollars?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

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

- (1) There are no current plans to introduce this legislation.
- (2) No. The minister for Agriculture and Food has been advised that previous regulatory systems have been failures in Western Australia.
- (3) No.