

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS — LAND RELEASE — SKUTHORPE

478. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to an article in *The West Australian* of 27 May 2017 regarding 683 hectares of land released by the Department of Lands at Skuthorpe, 23 kilometres east of Broome, in 2016.

- (1) Have all necessary approvals been granted to allow for agricultural development?
- (2) What is the current development status of this land release?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) The deed of option to lease was originally granted on 9 March 2017 for a period of 12 months. This has been extended to 9 September 2018 to provide Kimberley Asparagus Pty Ltd with additional time to satisfy the conditions precedent under the option.