

AGRICULTURE — DOPPLER RADAR

1144. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

The Minister for Agriculture and Food advised that a report commissioned by the Department of Agriculture and Food WA to provide the state government with information on the benefits and costs arising from the introduction of Doppler radar was due to be finalised by the end of September.

- (1) Could the minister please advise whether the consultant's report has been completed?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will the details contained in this report be made public?
- (3) If no to (1), what is the reason for the delay and when is the consultant likely to complete this report?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The consultant's report has not been finalised.
- (2) The details in this report will be made public when the document has been finalised.
- (3) The principal factor behind the delay in the completion of the report has been the difficulty in sourcing information on the capital and operational costs of Doppler radars. It is anticipated that the report will be completed by the end of October.