

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL BLUEPRINT

395. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the development of the South West Regional Blueprint, and I ask:

- (a) what organisations and individuals are being consulted to inform the Blueprint;
- (b) what is the purpose of the Blueprint and will it override Department of Planning and Local Government planning strategies and plans;
- (c) will the public have the opportunity to comment on a draft Blueprint before it is finalised;
- (d) when is the Blueprint expected to be completed; and
- (e) will the Blueprint be publicly released?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a) The South West Development Commission has consulted 31 Government Agencies, 12 local governments and 22 not-for-profit human services organisations in the preparation of the Blueprint. No data is currently available regarding the extent of consultation by Regional Development Australia South West within the Commonwealth Government.
- (b) The purpose of the Blueprint is to set a strategic direction for economic growth. The document will not override Department of Planning and local government strategies and plans.
- (c) A process for public comment is under consideration.
- (d) February 2014.
- (e) Yes.