

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — DIRECTOR GENERAL'S VISITS — ASIA

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

- (1) Could the minister please advise the number of times the director general of the Department of Agriculture and Food has visited the following countries since 2010 —
 - (a) Indonesia;
 - (b) Japan; and
 - (c) China?
- (2) What was the total cost of these visits?
- (3) How many signed contracts for Western Australian businesses have resulted from these visits?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1)
 - (a) Indonesia, twice.
 - (b) Japan, once.
 - (c) China, six times.
- (2) Approximately \$76 000, plus additional on-ground costs.
- (3) It is not the role of the director general to either sign contracts for Western Australian businesses or monitor business that may have been initiated or assisted by overseas trade and development investment promotion visits.