

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — HILLS MEDFLY INITIATIVE

831. Hon ALANNA CLOHESY to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer the minister to the Hills Medfly Initiative, which was formed in November last year.

- (1) Since its inception, how many times and when has the HMI committee met?
- (2) How much was budgeted for the HMI in the years 2014–15 and 2015–16?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The HMI was set up as a grower-led and funded committee that met on 9 October and 19 November 2014 and then disbanded owing to lack of grower support and participation. DAFWA's role was only to provide technical information.
- (2) Zero specific funding was allocated to the initiative owing to lack of grower interest.