

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA — ROAD VERGES

1247. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to question without notice 1217, asked on Wednesday, 21 October.

- (1) Will the Department of Agriculture and Food be preparing advice or guidance outlining the best-practice method for destroying or clearing contaminated road verges of genetically modified canola plants for those entities responsible for verges to access and utilise?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will this advice be available?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for the question.

- (1)–(2) I would imagine that the department would be happy to show people how to get rid of whatever weed is on the road verges now, but the department will not be going out there to do it for them. I am sure that if anyone were to contact the department, it would tell them how to get rid of that weed.