

WEED CONTROL

746. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the issue of compliance notices and indications by the Minister and officers at the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) that “compliance notices are a mechanism available to DAFWA to control weed infestations but that they will only be issued when it is *feasible and effective to do so*”, and I ask:

- (a) under what circumstances would it be deemed *feasible and effective* to issue a compliance notice; and
- (b) over the past three years, how many compliance notices have been issued?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a) Pest Control Notices may be issued for the control of declared pests under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (the BAM Act). The Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA) will use these mechanisms where it is feasible to do so (i.e. relevant evidence can be obtained to demonstrate that a reasonable level of control has not been taken), and where the issue of a notice will be effective (i.e. result in ongoing compliance at a level that will reduce impacts).
- (b) The BAM Act has only been in full effect since 1 May 2013, replacing the *Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976* (ARRPA). No compliance notices have been issued under the BAM Act. There were two s50 notices served under ARRPA in the preceding three years.