

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — AUSTRALIAN RINGNECK PARROTS

**1192. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Department of Agriculture and Food's declared species working group is giving consideration to the removal of the Australian ringneck, also known as the twenty-eight parrot, from the declared species list?
- (2) If yes to (1), what are the likely impacts on the grain industry?
- (3) If yes to (1), what are the likely impacts on orchardists?
- (4) If yes to (1), what consultation has been undertaken with the grain industry and orchardists?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(3) There will be no change. Landholders can control the species during the open season gazetted by the Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- (4) The stakeholder reference group for the review of declared pests, animals and plants includes representatives from the grains industry. Opportunities have been provided to fruit and grape growers to participate in the group.