

COTTON BUSH CONTROL

411. Hon DARREN WEST to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the answer to question on notice 748 in which the minister claims that community awareness about the spread of cotton bush is being achieved through a series of public meetings.

- (1) How many public meetings have been held specifically to raise community awareness about the rapid spread of this weed?
- (2) How many landowners attended each of these meetings?
- (3) How were the meetings advertised?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Since 13 May 2013, seven public meetings have been held.
- (2) Total attendance was approximately 320 people.
- (3) Meetings were advertised in local media, through local governments, local Landcare groups, and through networks run by other partner groups interested in the community-coordinated approach to managing cotton bush.