

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

411. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the minister's announcement on 27 May 2014 about the future of the state natural resource management program.

- (1) Why has an announcement not been made calling for new applications under the new program?
- (2) When will the announcement be made calling for a new round of applications?
- (3) Is the minister aware of the community anxiety caused by the delay in announcing the call for new applications?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Specific details of the funding arrangements for the NRM program are still being finalised. It is proposed that this includes royalties for regions funding, which requires the business case to go through the royalties for regions due diligence process.
- (2) As soon as the funding is approved, an announcement will be made calling for applications.
- (3) Yes, I am aware that there are timeframes important to the community.