

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — EDUCATION VAN

**906. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the education van that is used by the Department of Agriculture and Food for the Royal Show and other interactive educational activities.

- (1) What is the funding for the education van?
- (2) What are the exact usage guidelines for the education van?
- (3) Who can request the education van?
- (4) Is the usage of the van for the metropolitan area or regional areas?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) The royalties for regions initiative ended on 30 June 2015.
- (2) The education van is used under the department's normal asset usage arrangements, which may include loans to partner organisations.
- (3) Any relevant organisation can request the education van.
- (4) Principally regional areas, but also the metropolitan area, in which the van will deliver an agriculture awareness, education and engagement benefit.

I would also like to add that I am a great supporter of the education van. I was speaking to Mrs Dot Newton, the Deputy Mayor of the City of Wanneroo and also the president of the Wanneroo Agricultural Society, who raised this matter with me on Monday at the regional cabinet function. I will be looking at getting an education van to the Wanneroo show this year.