

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE REPORT — GRAPE  
IMPORTATION

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

I refer to the South Australian Research and Development Institute report on the importation of grapes into Western Australia.

- (1) What were the key recommendations and conclusions of the report?
- (2) Will the government table a copy of this report?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) The government did not commission or receive a report from SARDI on the importation of grapes into Western Australia. Hence, SARDI did not make any recommendations on this issue. Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia scientists considered the impact of the United States of America's legislative export quality standards on the likelihood of importation of *Phomopsis viticola* and concluded that the likelihood of importation of the pathogen was reduced to a low level by these quality standards. The department's findings were submitted to a SARDI pathologist for comment and that pathologist concurred with the department's conclusion.
- (2)–(3) The documents concerned were not in the form of a report and were for internal use only.