

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM — FUNDING

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

I refer to the minister's media statement dated 27 May regarding funding for the state natural resource management program and the \$3.185 million allocated to that program in this year's budget.

- (1) Which specific projects will be funded in this allocation and where are they located?
- (2) If no projects have been identified, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Projects that demonstrate clear local NRM outcomes and strong public benefit will be funded. Projects throughout WA are eligible for state NRM program community grants. It is expected that there will be projects located throughout the state.
- (2) Specific projects are yet to be determined. Submissions for the grants closed on Friday 20 June. More than 220 applications were received from around WA and these are currently being processed. The assessment process will be completed by mid-August and a list of projects recommended for funding to the value of \$2.7 million will be provided to cabinet in September for final approval. Successful projects will be announced by the minister's office at the beginning of November 2014.