

AGRICULTURE — BLACK APPLE VARIETY

2232. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to question on notice No. 1571(d), and ask:

- (a) how does the Government expect the Black Apple to become successful in both the national and international market when no government funds are allocated for its marketing;
- (b) how much has the Government spent in the development of the Black Apple;
- (c) how much has the licensee spent on the marketing of the Black Apple;
- (d) who owns the intellectual property of the Black Apple; and
- (e) what is the government share of the rate of return on the Black Apple?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a) Successful marketing of the variety is the responsibility of the licensee, not Government.
- (b) The total cost of apple breeding is not allocated to individual varieties.
- (c) That question should be addressed to the licensee.
- (d) The Western Australian Agricultural Authority.
- (e) The Western Australian Government receives a royalty of \$2.00 for each tree planted in Australia and will receive a production royalty of \$1250.00 per hectare.