

LYNAS CORPORATION — CANOLA FIELD TRIALS

1317. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to pages 1 and 6 from the “2013-10-29 “Lynas ASX Release — CEO Address AGM” located at <http://www.robinchapple.com/pages-2013-10-29-lynas-asx-release>, and page 6 of the document which refers to trials in Western Australian canola fields of the use of solid residues emanating from the water leached purification system from the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP), near Kuantan in Pahang, Malaysia, and I ask:

- (a) where are these field trials occurring;
- (b) was permission granted by the Minister for these field trials to occur;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), why;
- (e) has the chemical composition of the solid residues emanating from the water leached purification system been tested for chemical and or radioactive material;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) if yes to (e), will the Minister table the results of those tests;
- (h) was permission sought from the Minister to import the solid residues emanating from the water leached purification from the LAMP in Malaysia;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) if yes to (h), when did this occur;
- (k) if yes to (h), was permission granted or refused; and
- (l) if permission was granted in respect of (k), will the Minister table documentation to support that decision?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

- (a) I am not aware of the specific location in Western Australia of the Lynas trials.
- (b) No
- (c) There is no requirement for permission from the Minister for Agriculture to conduct fertiliser field trials in Western Australia. The Department of Agriculture and Food WA has not been involved in these trials. The material must meet the import requirements for fertiliser under both Federal and State legislation.
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) Yes
- (f) Not applicable
- (g) The results of independent testing have been provided by Lynas who have agreed to them being tabled. *[See Tabled Paper No 1685.]*
- (h) No
- (i) There is no need for specific permissions from the State Minister for Agriculture and Food. The material is subject to the normal State and Federal import requirements for fertilisers. Lynas has advised that it has received an import permit for the product, and that it has been classified as non-hazardous and non-radioactive, from the then Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services of the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- (j)–(l) Not applicable