

GENETICALLY MODIFIED COTTON — ORD RIVER IRRIGATION AREA

**1397. Hon DARREN WEST to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

Since the issuing of an exemption order in 2008 to permit the commercial cultivation of genetically modified cotton in the Ord River irrigation area, how many hectares have been grown in the years 2008 to 2015?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

From 2008 to 2010 and from 2012 to 2015, inclusive, zero hectares have been grown. In 2011, up 700 hectares have been grown.