

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA — HEALTH OUTCOMES

**517. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister give a 100 per cent guarantee that the entry of genetically modified crops into the WA food chain will not negatively impact on the health of Western Australians?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

The simple point I make is that the relationship between health and the decision to grow GM crops in Australia is not one that fits into the state's jurisdiction. The only responsibility —

Several members interjected.

**Mr M.P. Murray:** What did the Premier say?

**Mr P. Papalia:** You don't sound very confident.

**Mr M.P. Murray:** There'll be no more GM crops in WA.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston!

**Mr M.P. Murray** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston, I formally call you to order for the second time today.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** The big concern I have out of this is that the scaremongering comments that come from the member for Warnbro and the opposition are around raising public health concerns —

**Mr R.H. Cook:** Yes or no?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** The member for Kwinana should be listening to this very closely as well because he simply should not go out and raise public health concerns when the relevant federal authorities have signed off —

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**Mr J.N. Hyde:** Food Standards Australia reports to you.

**Mr P. Papalia:** You've done nothing, have you?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, I formally call you to order for the first time today. Member for Perth, I formally call you to order for the first time today. Member for Cannington, I formally call you to order for the first time today. I am not interested in this question or this answer going on for much longer, Minister for Agriculture and Food.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** I think the comments I have made on this in the past stand on the public record, and I think it is something that is ill-researched by the opposition.