

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA — PRODUCTION

685. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) How many hectares of genetically modified (GM) canola were grown in Western Australia in each of the years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010;
 - (d) 2011;
 - (e) 2012; and
 - (f) 2013?
- (2) How many tonnes of GM canola were delivered to silos in each of the years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010;
 - (d) 2011;
 - (e) 2012; and
 - (f) 2013?
- (3) How much of this GM canola has been sold and to whom was it sold?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1)
 - (a) None
 - (b) 860 (trial sites)
 - (c) 72,000
 - (d) 90,930
 - (e) 124,600 [i]
 - (f) 168,500 [i]

[i] Estimated figures from Monsanto based on 2.5kg/ha seeding rate

- (2) For the purpose of answering the question, it is assumed that the Hon. Member is referring to deliveries for each season.
 - (a) None
 - (b) 1,223
 - (c) 47,491 [ii]
 - (d) 130,842 [ii]
 - (e) 129,883 [ii]
 - (f) Data not available yet

[ii] Data provided by Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH) on deliveries made to CBH.

- (3) The Department of Agriculture and Food does not have this information and suggests the Hon. Member contact the Australian Oilseeds Federation who may have information about the markets where Western Australian canola (including GM canola) is sold.