

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS — TOLERANCES

**612. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

- (1) What tolerances for genetically modified organisms has the Department of Agriculture and Food called for in its submission to the Organic Industry Standards and Certification Council?
- (2) Will the minister table the department's submission on GMO tolerances to the Organic Industry Standards and Certification Council?
- (3) Has the department completed any modelling on the economic losses to organic producers in WA through loss of organic certification?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the minister table this economic modelling?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) The Department of Agriculture and Food has requested consideration of the inclusion of a 0.9 per cent tolerance of genetically modified organisms in line with the European Union's organic threshold.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) No.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The department's submission supports the coexistence principle to allow for organic, conventional and genetically modified productions systems within a farming property.