

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — NEW VARIETY DEVELOPMENT

2233. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) How much did the Department of Agriculture and Food spend on the development of new varieties of fruit and vegetable in:
 - (a) 2009–10;
 - (b) 2010–11;
 - (c) 2011–12;
 - (d) 2012–13; and
 - (e) 2013–14?
- (2) In each of the financial years in (1),:
 - (a) what new varieties were grown;
 - (b) was a licensee appointed to commercialise the new variety;
 - (c) was the new variety marketed nationally and/or internationally; and
 - (d) how much of this fruit/vegetable is produced annually?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1) (a)–(e) Between 2009 and 2014 there was no direct Western Australian government investment in new varieties of fruit and vegetable except for apple and strawberry variety developments, which is estimated to have been between \$500 000–\$600 000 and between \$35 000–\$45 000 respectively in each of the years listed.
- (2) (a)–(d) Nil