

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — RESEARCHERS

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

- (1) How many researchers are currently employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food?
- (2) How many researchers were employed as at 30 June 2014?
- (3) Are there any plans to increase the number of researchers based at the department?
- (4) If yes to (3), when will these positions be advertised?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) There are 188.
- (2) There were 196.
- (3) No, there are not.
- (4) Not applicable.