

BIOSECURITY — CSIRO REPORT

**1436. Hon DARREN WEST to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the answer to question without notice 1347, asked on 26 November, in which the minister referred to his department's "strategy for biosecurity".

- (1) Will the minister table a copy of the strategy; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Were any external stakeholders consulted in the development of the strategy; and, if yes, which stakeholders were consulted?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) The draft Western Australian state biosecurity strategy is being released for public comment on 4 December 2014. It will be open for public comment until 13 March 2015. I will then table the strategy in Parliament once this process has been completed.
- (2) The draft state biosecurity strategy was developed as an across-agency document in agreement with the four key Western Australian government agencies responsible for the prevention and eradication of pests and diseases that affect their respective portfolios of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and the environment. The Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia has assumed the lead role, in partnership with the Department of Parks and Wildlife, Department of Fisheries, Forest Products Commission and Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The WA Biosecurity Council was also consulted.
- (3) Not applicable.