

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CANOLA

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

- (1) What procedures are in place to isolate and contain genetically modified canola seed at the Three Springs grain receival centre and for its transport to Geraldton?
- (2) What procedures are followed for the disposal of “seconds” or rejected GM canola product?
- (3) Have these procedures been followed?
- (4) If no to (3), please provide details on each breach of procedures.

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) The Co-operative Bulk Handling Three Springs receival centre was a designated GM canola receival point in 2012 and is likely to be confirmed for 2013. CBH has had standard operating and testing procedures in place for the segregation of GM canola since GM canola was commercially available. No cases of incorrect segregation have been reported. The grain is transported to the Mingenew receival point by road transport and transferred there to rail for onward transport to the Geraldton facility. The same segregation procedures are in place at Mingenew.
- (2) CBH has a standard disposal process through an accredited and audited system that is industry best practice. This is used for the disposal of any grains that are rejected for whatever reason.
- (3) These procedures are comprehensively followed and are subject to internal and external audit in accord with CBH’s International Standardization Organization, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point and environmental accreditations.
- (4) Not applicable.