

INDUSTRIAL HEMP

1355. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to questions without notice 1131 asked on 16 November 2022 and 244 asked on 16 March regarding the number of industrial hemp licences.

- (1) How many current industrial hemp licences are there?
- (2) How many growers cultivated industrial hemp this season?
- (3) How many hectares of industrial hemp was planted in Western Australia this season?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1) There are currently 56 industrial hemp licences.
- (2) As at 6 November 2023, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has been notified of planting industrial hemp by two growers.
- (3) The total area notified for planting is 4.6 hectares.