

AGRICULTURE — DECLARED PEST RATE

**1239. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the financial years 2017–18, 2018–19, 2019–20 and 2021–22.

- (1) What was the total of the declared pest rate collected from landholders for each of the state’s recognised biosecurity groups for each financial year?
- (2) What is the number of landholders who refused to pay the DPR for each financial year?
- (3) For each occurrence of payment refusal of the DPR by a landholder, what was the resultant outcome or recourse undertaken by the state?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) The answer is in tabular form. I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Rates collected by Recognised Biosecurity Group operational areas for each financial year, as requested, are in the table below:

| <b>RBG</b>  | <b>2017/18</b> | <b>2018/19</b> | <b>2019/20</b> | <b>2021/22</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Blackwood Biosecurity Incorporated                      | Not applicable | \$115,510.01   | \$152,054.13   | \$226,464.67   |
| Carnarvon Growers Association                           | \$122,851.80   | \$102,599.30   | \$ 5,614.80    | \$20,067.10    |
| Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association               | Not applicable | \$101,754.37   | \$120,975.83   | \$174,886.29   |
| Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group                     | \$174,755.90   | \$171,373.40   | \$164,850.50   | \$177,711.80   |
| Esperance Biosecurity Association                       | Not applicable | \$106,470.00   | \$102,630.00   | \$51,705.00    |
| Leschenault Biosecurity Group                           | Not applicable | Not applicable | \$114,156.08   | \$162,833.96   |
| Midlands Biosecurity Group                              | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable | \$168,352.08   |
| Northern Biosecurity Group                              | Not applicable | Not applicable | \$136,124.10   | \$185,407.81   |
| Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group                           | Not applicable | \$204,890.60   | \$204,110.87   | \$260,901.42   |
| Southern Biosecurity Group                              | Not applicable | \$78,147.00    | \$75,458.00    | \$92,032.25    |
| Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association            | \$294,494.40   | \$278,411.90   | \$295,819.60   | \$226,658.02   |
| Goldfields-Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association | \$291,546.80   | \$289,243.50   | \$291,994.40   | \$285,166.00   |
| Kimberley Rangelands Biosecurity Association            | \$331,567.18   | \$309,822.99   | \$304,247.80   | \$192,966.85   |
| Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association          | \$202,511.20   | \$191,475.00   | \$193,682.50   | \$206,784.90   |
| Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group                      | \$193,850.90   | \$203,429.20   | \$179,385.10   | \$121,800.70   |

*\*Not applicable: Recognised Biosecurity Group not established at the same time.*

- (2) RevenueWA holds data on the rate of payment of the declared pest rate. The level of non-payment varies between years and between operational areas.
- (3) RevenueWA manages the processes for payment of the DPR on behalf of the state. Landholders who have not paid the initial DPR notice will receive a final notice. Following the outcome from the final notice, a demand notice may be sent for remaining unpaid rates. The Commissioner of State Revenue has the authority to pursue any unpaid rates.