

Varroa Mite

Mr SHELTON question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

Many constituents in my electorate of Lyons, including beekeepers, farmers and gardeners, have raised the concerns about the spread of varroa mite on mainland Australia and the potential threat it poses to Tasmania. Healthy bee populations are critical to our agricultural sector and productivity of many crops grown across the state. With varroa mite now established on the mainland, what is the Government doing to protect Tasmania from this pest and are we prepared to respond if varroa mite is detected here?