

## CONSERVATION ESTATE, GRAZING IMPACTS

**1087. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

I refer to the occurrence of stock from pastoral stations straying into nature reserves and national parks in Western Australia.

- (1) Can the minister outline which legislation is relevant to the regulation of grazing impacts within the conservation estate?
- (2) Which agencies are responsible for the administration of this legislation?
- (3) What penalties exist for pastoralists who allow stock to enter a nature reserve?
- (4) Do any of the agencies listed in (2) have guidelines or policies for enforcement and/or prosecution of pastoralists or pastoral companies that allow stock to enter nature reserves?
- (5) If yes to (4), can the minister table such guidelines or policies?
- (6) Does the Government have a policy on the interactions between the pastoral industry and the conservation estate?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

- (1) The Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 and regulations, Dividing Fences Act 1961, Local Government Act 1995, Land Administration Act 1997 and Stock (Identification and Movement) Act 1970.
- (2) The Department of Conservation and Land Management in relation to stock on conservation reserves, Pastoral Lands Board/Department for Planning and Infrastructure in relation to pastoral leases.
- (3) Under section 106(a) of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984, the penalty for depasturing cattle on Department of Conservation and Land Management land - including nature reserves - is \$4 000 and imprisonment for six months.

Under regulation 15(b) of the Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002, the penalty for allowing an animal to enter or remain on CALM land - including a nature reserve - is \$500, or if dealt with by way of an infringement notice, a modified penalty of \$50.

I do not know who would be fined for the herd of about 50 camels I saw in the middle of the Rudall River National Park over the weekend, but I suppose the authorities can work out to whom to send the bill.

Hon Peter Foss: They are probably yours.

Hon John Fischer: Are you claiming ownership.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I am not.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Are they all enrolled?

Hon Kim Chance: They are now!

Hon TOM STEPHENS: There may be some ancient Afghan.

Pursuant to section 108B of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984, and section 484 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960, an owner of cattle who permits the cattle to stray, be at large, be tethered or be depastured in a street or other public place, commits an offence and is liable to a penalty of \$200.

- (4) The Department of Conservation and Land Management has no specific policies or guidelines for enforcement and/or prosecution of pastoralists or pastoral companies that allow stock to enter nature reserves. The department has a general prosecution policy and guidelines applicable to offences under legislation it administers.
- (5) A copy of the Department of Conservation and Land Management prosecution policy and guidelines is tabled. [See paper No 1294.]
- (6) No such specific policy exists.

## GERALDTON PORT, SEDIMENT PLUME

**1088. Hon DEE MARGETTS to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

I hope the minister has the answer today.

Hon Tom Stephens: I do. In fact, you do not need to ask the question; I can simply give you the answer.

Hon DEE MARGETTS: This is a new question. I am hoping to break my drought.

Hon Tom Stephens: If you ask me yesterday's question, I could give you an answer.