

**Division 64: Agriculture and Food —**

**[Supplementary Information No B2.]**

*Question: Ms L.L. Baker requested information on the number of currently active abattoirs, feedlots and saleyards in Western Australia.*

*Answer:* There are 29 abattoirs in Western Australia that are licensed by the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority.

There are 9 feedlots in Western Australia that are licensed by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). There are a further 35 feedlots which are registered with DEC because they have more than 500 cattle.

There are four major livestock saleyards in Western Australia. They are located at Muchea, Katanning, Boyanup and Mount Barker. Occasional sales of relatively small numbers of livestock also occur at Manjimup (monthly) and Geraldton (6 to 8 times per year); and there are 6 to 10 small regional sheep saleyards which may hold 1-2 sales per year. Livestock are also bought and sold at the Mundijong Farmers Market.

**[Supplementary Information No B3.]**

*Question: Mr C.J. Tallentire requested information on the clarity around staff in the agency who are working on climate change-related activities.*

*Answer:* DAFWA has 7.8 FTEs engaged in climate change impact analysis, with a further 2.0 FTE's engaged in understanding the economic impacts that result from those changes.

**[Supplementary Information No B4.]**

*Question: Mr C.J. Tallentire requested information on specific funding resources going to natural resource management groups from the Western Australian government.*

*Answer:* A total of \$35m is available for allocation from the State NRM Program between 2011-12 and 2013-14.

Consideration by the NRM Ministerial Council is soon to be given to continuing funding for Regional NRM groups for the provision of services to Government. This has previously been in the order of \$1.5 million per year.

Apart from this funding, and funding for the operation of the State NRM Office (previously in the order of \$700,000 p.a.), all other State NRM Program funding is allocated through two annual competitive processes for:

- Small Community Grants (approximately \$3 million p.a.); and
- Strategic Priority Projects (approximately \$5 million p.a.).

These processes allow funding to be provided to NRM and community groups, industry groups, universities, State agencies and local governments.