

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD WA — TRANSFER PASTURE ACTIVITIES

**940. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the request for expressions of interest on industry ownership of pasture breeding and agronomy advertised in *The West Australian* recently.

- (1) Is there a price range for the expression of interest?
- (2) Does “going concern” mean that the business is profitable?
- (3) Does the Grains Research and Development Corporation or Meat and Livestock Australia provide funds for these projects?
- (4) Is the Department of Agriculture and Food WA proposing to sell the remainder of the business; and, if so, does DAFWA have a specific time frame for this?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) There is no price range as the Department of Agriculture and Food is endeavouring to transfer pasture activities to industry.
- (2) “Going concern” means fully functional but not profitable.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) DAFWA is not selling but is endeavouring to transfer pasture activities to industry. The transfer process is planned for completion by the end of 2015.