

GIBB RIVER STATION — CATTLE

**941. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to several photographs of burnt cattle at Gibb River Station that can be found on my website.

Several members interjected.

**Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE:** I was waiting for that!

- (1) Has the Department of Agriculture and Food been made aware of the 20 to 30 head of cattle having been burnt at Gibb River Station?
- (2) If yes to (1), is the department aware that there is a lack of evidence to suggest that the cattle were shot humanely before being burnt?
- (3) Who is responsible for burning these cattle?
- (4) Is it normal practice for unsaleable cattle to be burnt?

**Hon KEN BASTON** replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(3) This matter is currently the subject of an investigation by the livestock compliance unit.
- (4) The Department of Agriculture and Food is aware that producers sometimes burn animal carcasses.