

PERTH MARKET — SALE

**1478. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the minister's answer to questions without notice 1354 and 1407.

- (1) Was the minister aware that industry had raised concerns about the sale of the Perth market with his office when he answered question 1354?
- (2) If yes to (1), why did he advise the house that no-one from industry had raised concerns with him?
- (3) If no to (1), why did his office not pass on the industry concerns to him?
- (4) Does he accept that people contacting his office with concerns about government policy related to his portfolio expect that their concerns will be passed on to him?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) Discussions were had with staff from my office, but not personally with me.
- (3) Relevant issues and ideas were given to the Treasurer's office, the Department of Treasury and the Department of Agriculture and Food.
- (4) The views and ideas related to my portfolio are passed on to me as minister when they are of significance to government policy.