

PASTORAL LEASES

**1016. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the pastoral lease renewal process and rangelands reform for the surrender of area and ask:

- (a) how many pastoral leases are under negotiation:
  - (i) how many hectares are under negotiation for surrender;
- (b) for how many pastoral leases have negotiations been completed:
  - (i) how many hectares have been surrendered as a result of completed negotiations;
- (c) in which regions are the pastoral lease surrenders that are still under negotiation:
  - (i) in each region, how many hectares are the subject of ongoing surrender negotiations;
- (d) in which regions are the completed pastoral lease surrenders:
  - (i) in each region, how many hectares have been surrendered as the result of completed pastoral lease negotiations;
- (e) what is the cost to the State of the surrender process;
- (f) what is the cost to the State of the surrender process compensation mechanism, as outlined in rangelands reform; and
- (g) is it still anticipated that this process will be completed by the end of 2013?

**Mr B.J. Grylls replied:**

In answering the above questions it is assumed that the reference to 'surrenders' pertains to areas that will be excluded from a number of pastoral leases following their renewal in 2015.

- (a) 75
  - (i) 1 032 145 hectares
- (b) 16
  - (i) 403 705 hectares
- (c) The pastoral regions of Goldfields–Nullarbor, Gascoyne, Kimberley, Murchison and Pilbara.
  - (i) Goldfields–Nullarbor 42 690 hectares  
Gascoyne 52 719 hectares  
Kimberley 163 702 hectares  
Murchison 46 432 hectares  
Pilbara 322 897 hectares
- (d) Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne, Murchison and Goldfields–Nullarbor.
  - (i) Kimberley 190 464 hectares  
Pilbara 2 555 hectares  
Gascoyne 121 076 hectares  
Murchison 2 949 hectares  
Goldfields–Nullarbor 86 661 hectares
- (e) It is not possible to identify the administrative costs associated with the exclusion process as these costs have been incurred over a substantial period of time in various departments. Compensation will be payable for lawful improvements located on areas of existing pastoral lease to be excluded in 2015.
- (f) The exclusion process is not related to the Rangelands Reform Program.
- (g) The 2015 exclusions are on track to be delivered by 1 July 2015.