

SOUTH WEST SALEYARD — EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

1336. Hon COLIN HOLT to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the south west saleyard solution expressions of interest.

- (1) How many expressions of interest were received for the south west saleyard solution?
- (2) How many have been selected to proceed to the detailed application process?
- (3) Which criteria were used to decide which of the EOIs would proceed to the detailed application process?
- (4) Who assessed the applications and made the final recommendations?
- (5) Did the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority board consult other reviewers during this process?
- (6) What feedback will be provided to the unsuccessful EOI applicants, and is there a process of appeal for those not selected to proceed to the detailed application stage?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) Five expressions of interest were received.
- (2) The Western Australian Meat Industry Authority has received advice from the Department of Finance that publicly releasing the number of respondents that have been selected to proceed to the full tender process may significantly lessen competitive tension, potentially reducing the benefit to the state. I indicate that once we have made the decision, I will make sure that that information is available.
- (3) I table the evaluation criteria.

[See paper 2316.]

- (4) An evaluation panel, established to make recommendations to the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority, consists of a representative of each of the following organisations: Western Australian Meat Industry Authority, chair; Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, southern beef industry development team; South West Development Commission; Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage; Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, finance branch; and Department of Finance, non-voting facilitator.
- (5) No.
- (6) The Department of Finance has a process for providing feedback for expressions of interest, which is outlined in the letter to all respondents. There is no appeals process. The process terms and conditions were provided to all potential respondents as part of the expression of interest documentation.