

WATER — IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE — LAND TENURE

3772. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Minister's joint media announcement of 21 August 2015, "Land tenure boost for irrigated agriculture", and subsequent coverage in *The West Australian* entitled "Land Tenure Deal to Drive Investment", and the statement that "proponents can seek conversion to freehold from Cabinet and then satisfy all requirements and development conditions to gain the freehold", and I ask:

- (a) has the Minister received advice on the potential for this freeholding of public land to be in contravention of National Competition Policy;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), will the Minister release that advice; and
- (d) if no to , why not?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) No.
- (d) The advice is confidential as provided as part of a Cabinet Submission.