

PASTORAL LEASES — RENEWAL

**1361. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the pastoral lease renewal process.

- (1) If it is determined that a property does not receive a lease renewal come 30 June 2015 and the leaseholder walks off the property, who will maintain the property, including fencing and vermin control?
- (2) Considering the number of noncompliant properties, if the majority of these walk off, how does the department intend to manage the situation?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

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

- (1) Any pastoral leases not renewed in 2015 will become unallocated crown land. The state of Western Australia is responsible for management of unallocated crown land.
- (2) The Department of Lands is working closely with all lessees and the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia to minimise the number of noncompliant leases on or before 30 June 2015. Should a lease not be renewed due to noncompliance, the properties will revert to unallocated crown land.