

STRAYING STOCK — WORKING GROUP

138. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the minister's answer to question 120 that I asked yesterday. As I raised this matter with the minister's office last year and given that there was a serious accident between a vehicle and straying livestock on Goldfields Highway only two weeks ago —

- (1) Will the minister now direct his department to establish this working group before the end of the month?
- (2) Will local members of Parliament be invited to take part in the deliberations of the working group?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

Main Roads WA advises —

- (1) Main Roads Western Australia is currently establishing the working group and it is expected that the inaugural meeting will be held in May.
- (2) Members of the public, including local members of Parliament, will have an opportunity to provide input to the working group.

I will just offer the member some advice. If there is some element related to this matter that is of further urgency, I think there is a need for her to communicate directly with the Minister for Transport before then. I will see whether I can facilitate that contact happening.