

PASTORAL LEASES — FERAL GOATS

443. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to feral goats in Western Australia.

- (1) How many leaseholders in Western Australia are breeding Boer or any other breed of goat with feral goats on their leases?
- (2) If a leaseholder is providing feral goats with access to water and controlling their population by mustering and removing them to abattoirs, the goats are being subjected to a form of animal husbandry. Therefore, will the minister clarify whether these goats are by definition managed goats?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Indications at this point are that there are very few Boer goats or other breeds of goats being crossed with feral goats on pastoral leases.
- (2) My advice is that the mustering and removal of feral goats does not define them as managed goats.
- (3) Not applicable.