

AGRICULTURE — SPECIAL LEASES

593. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I note the Minister for Environment is not in the chamber. I refer to the Land Administration Act 1997 and special agricultural leases.

- (1) If someone has a special agricultural lease, are they subject to the renewal of the lease under the Land Administration Act 1997 even if it was never set up to grow fodder and not cattle?
- (2) If yes to (1), why?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) I believe the member is referring to a special lease that was issued for agricultural purposes under section 116 of the former Land Act 1933. These leases, if in existence when the Land Administration Act 1997 came into force, continued as if they had been granted under section 79 of the LAA. That being the case, the lease is subject to renewal only if the lease states that it is to be renewed or the Minister for Lands determines that it will be renewed.