

PASTORAL LANDS BOARD — STRAYING LIVESTOCK — DEFAULT NOTICES

1350. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to straying livestock and to question on notice 1722.

- (1) To whom do the cattle belong that are regularly observed on Great Northern Highway, including the road between Derby and Broome, and how often is this stretch of road monitored?
- (2) How is it that cattle are on this stretch of road if there are no unfenced properties in the vicinity?
- (3) What is the longest time within which it is reasonable to achieve compliance from pastoral leaseholders who are issued with an order to repair fences and maintain infrastructure, and what is the shortest time within which compliance has been achieved?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) It is difficult to determine who the cattle belong to in the mentioned area.

Hon Alyssa Hayden: Don't they have name tags?

Hon COL HOLT: Perhaps the member should bring in a name tag or an ear tag! The answer continues —

Adjoining pastoral leases are Yeeda, Roebuck Plains and Mowanjum, as well as unallocated crown land. Cattle are present in all of these areas. The monitoring of roads is not within the responsibility of agencies within my portfolio.

- (2) Fenced properties have been known to be damaged by storms, fires, by the cattle themselves and by gates being left open for extended periods.
- (3) All Pastoral Lands Board directives and notices are issued having regard to the specific circumstances of the case and prevail until such time as compliance has been achieved to the satisfaction of the board. The time it takes for lessees to comply with a board directive also varies and can take anywhere between one month and several years.