

PERTH MARKET AUTHORITY — BOARD MEMBERSHIP

1403. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the announcement that the board of the Perth Market Authority has been replaced by an interim board.

- (1) Did the minister, or anyone from the minister's office or from the Department of Agriculture and Food or the Perth Market Authority, have any discussions or correspondence with members of the outgoing board about their tenure before the change that was announced on 27 November 2015?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) who had the discussions or correspondence, and when;
 - (b) what was the nature of that communication; and
 - (c) will the minister table records of that communication; and, if not, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) My office had a number of discussions with the chair of the board regarding the change announced on 27 November 2015. The director general of Agriculture and Food had discussions with the chair, and briefly attended the Perth Market Authority board meeting on 30 October 2015.
- (2) The information cannot be provided in the time available; can the member please put this question on notice. Discussions included timing, process and associated risks for several scenarios for board resignation, appointment of a new board and Perth Market Authority operations.