

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — KALGOORLIE — LIVESTOCK INSPECTORS**

*Question without Notice 989 — Answer Advice*

**HON KEN BASTON (Mining and Pastoral — Minister for Agriculture and Food)** [5.02 pm]: I have an answer for the question asked yesterday by Hon Nigel Hallett —

- (1) Currently 1.4 full-time equivalents are undertaking hands-on livestock inspection at South Boulder stock yards with an additional 0.5 FTE for administration support. This level of investment has been in place for at least five years.
- (2) The 1.4 FTE investment is provided by two experienced inspectors. Both inspectors have been undertaking this function for over 15 years. Skills and knowledge required in this role include stock handling, regulatory governance, pest and disease identification and import movement requirements.
- (3) Future investment is planned for current levels with ongoing review based on interstate livestock movements and risk-based import requirements.