

PERTH MARKET — SALE

1407. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I will not be incited, Mr President. I ask —

- (1) Have any staff in the office of the Minister for Agriculture and Food had any concerns raised with them by industry regarding the sale of the Perth market in Canning Vale?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) what were the concerns;
 - (b) on what dates were the concerns raised with the minister's staff; and
 - (c) on what dates did the minister's staff advise him of the concerns?
- (3) What action has the minister taken to address the concerns?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) My office has had a number of discussions with growers and industry representatives about the sale process since the sale was announced.
- (2) A wide range of views have been expressed, but the general consensus is that the industry wants to work with the government to ensure the industry can continue to grow.
- (3) Relevant issues and ideas have been advised by my staff to the Treasurer's office, the Department of Treasury and the Department of Agriculture and Food.