

ORD STAGE 2 — LAND RELEASES

576. Hon DARREN WEST to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to land releases for Ord stage 2.

- (1) Will the minister provide a list of all land allocated to date, with details of —
 - (a) whom the land has been allocated to;
 - (b) the process used to select the recipients in (1)(a);
 - (c) the area of land allocated;
 - (d) the location of land allocated; and
 - (e) the purpose, if known, to which the land will be put?
- (2) Are further land allocations to be made; and, if so —
 - (a) what land will be allocated;
 - (b) how many lots does this represent;
 - (c) what selection process will be used to allocate land; and
 - (d) has any land been set aside to be allocated to pre-determined recipients; and, if so, what are the details?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1)
 - (a) To date, land releases for Ord stage 2 comprise the Goomig and Knox Plain lands and Ord West Bank. Goomig and Knox Plain lands have been allocated to Kimberley Agricultural Investment via lease. Ord West Bank, subject to planning and approvals, will be made available to the public for purchase.
 - (b) It was by request for proposals.
 - (c) Goomig is 7 400 hectares; Knox Plain is 5 000 hectares, less infrastructure, heritage and environment buffers; and Ord West Bank is 1 700 hectares, less infrastructure, heritage and environment buffers.
 - (d) Goomig and Knox Plain lands abut the north east corner of Ord stage 1 lands, approximately 30 kilometres north of Kununurra. Ord West Bank is approximately 10 kilometres west of Kununurra, along the west banks of the Ord River.
 - (e) Land will be made available for irrigated agriculture consistent with the Ord final agreement.
- (2)
 - (a) Future lands that could be made available for irrigated agriculture include Packsaddle, Ord East Bank and Mantinea, as identified in the Ord final agreement. Other prospects include Cockatoo Sands and Northern Territory lands.
 - (b) Lot sizes will be informed by future planning work, including agronomic, infrastructure and environmental studies.
 - (c) Land release processes are yet to be determined.
 - (d) No land has been set aside or allocated to predetermined recipients.