

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — PASTORAL LEASES

**990. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Lands:**

I have a supplementary question. Why is the minister failing to deliver on rangeland reform before reissuing the leases?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

It is because the leases run out in June of next year. That is why, as a matter of priority —

**Mr C.J. Tallentire** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Gosnells!

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** The pastoral industry in Western Australia wants certainty. This government —

**Mr C.J. Tallentire** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Gosnells, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** People in the pastoral industry in Western Australia want certainty. They want to know that they have security of their lease beyond June 2015. We have offered two lease options to them. It has taken a long time of negotiations supported by this government to get to a position that they agree on. Those pastoral leases are out there for those that are compliant. We are still working through a range of issues on the ones that are noncompliant. As we get closer to 30 June 2015 there will be security that will come to the pastoral industry in Western Australia, and we absolutely are committed to reforming the opportunities in the pastoral industry in Western Australia—the absolute opposite of the policy settings of the opposition.