

ANIMAL WELFARE REVIEW

266. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Would the minister please advise the progress of the review that he announced last year into the investment in and administration of animal welfare, including —
 - (a) who is involved;
 - (b) how often have they met;
 - (c) have they consulted the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee; and
 - (d) when will they report?
- (2) Who are the members of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee?
- (3) Who is the chair of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee?
- (4) How often has the committee met since the minister became Minister for Agriculture and Food?
- (5) How often has the committee advised the minister?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Agriculture and Food WA has substantially completed the planning required to establish the review. An announcement regarding the membership of the review panel will be made in the near future.
- (2) Mr Eric Ball, community member; Ms Lynne Bradshaw, RSPCA nominee; Dr Mark Lawrie, Australian Veterinary Association representative and committee member; Mr Tony Gooch, industry member; Mr Rob Gillam, industry member; Dr Matthew Kemp, research member; and Dr Teresa Collins, ministerial decision.
- (3) Mr Eric Ball.
- (4) Twice—3 September 2013 and 4 December 2013.
- (5) The committee's function is to provide advice to the minister on matters related to the welfare of animals, whether referred to the committee by the minister or of its own motion. The committee has not been asked to formally advise the minister on any issues.