

ROADS — CLOSURE — LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT

149. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the closure of Eyre Highway on 21 February 2024 by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

- (1) When was the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development notified of the closure?
- (2) In what form was the notification provided and by whom?
- (3) With respect to transported livestock affected by the closure, what actions did DPIRD undertake as a consequence of that notification?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(2) DPIRD was advised of the closure through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services operational area support group meeting at 2.00 pm on 21 February 2024.
- (3) DPIRD was engaged through regional state emergency management arrangements for planning and response activities. Although there was no formal request to activate the state support plan for animal welfare in emergencies, local DPIRD staff provided advice and support by providing access to water for livestock and information on road closures to transporters.

It is the legal responsibility of the owner and transporter of livestock to ensure that stock is well cared for during transit and that contingency plans are in place for any potential emergencies.