

POISON, 1080 DISTRIBUTION

326. Hon J.A. COWDELL to the minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry:

- (1) Has distribution for 1080 poison in the Murray district been moved to Bunbury?
- (2) If yes, why is it no longer possible for the agriculture protection officer in Pinjarra to issue this poison?
- (3) Has or will the price of poisoned eggs, issued to land owners, be increased 25-fold?
- (4) Is the minister aware that these changes in distribution procedures are seen as a severe setback to fox baiting in the Murray district and a removal of Agriculture Western Australia support from the local rural community?
- (5) Will the minister review the situation and reinstate the previous arrangements; and, if not, why not?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The minister requests that the question be placed on notice.