

MINES AND PETROLEUM — LAKE WELLS POTASH PROJECT

577. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the running of Lake Wells Station north of Laverton and the exploration and mining of potash in the area, and I ask:

- (a) when was Lake Wells Station last inspected by the Pastoral Lands Board;
- (b) what was the result of the inspection;
- (c) will the Minister table a copy of the inspection report;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) has the Government valued Lake Wells Station, and if so what was the valuation received; and
- (f) what is the identified carrying capacity of Lake Wells Station?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, on behalf of the Pastoral Lands Board, last inspected the Lake Wells Station Pastoral Lease on 8 and 9 March 2021.
- (b) The inspection found station infrastructure to be in a satisfactory condition and no further concerns were noted.
- (c)–(d) All Pastoral Inspection Reports contain information of a commercial nature in relation to the operations of the Pastoral Lease. Should the member have a specific concern, the Minister will endeavour to provide a briefing.
- (e) Lake Wells Station is valued annually by Landgate in accordance with the Valuation of Land Act 1978 (VLA). The Unimproved Value for Lake Wells Station was determined under the VLA at \$44,000 (inclusive of GST).
- (f) The carrying capacity of Lake Wells Station was not reassessed during the most recent inspection.