

BOYANUP SALEYARDS

927. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the stalled lease agreement relating to Boyanup saleyards between WA Livestock Salesmen's Association and the Shire of Capel.

- (1) As at 14 October 2022, has the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation signed off on the effluent management upgrade of the saleyards; and, if so, on what date?
- (2) If no to (1), when is sign-off envisaged?
- (3) What is the status of all draft management plans relating to animal compliance at Boyanup saleyards that have been referred to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development?
- (4) What holdover time allocation has been apportioned to the signing of a new lease on Boyanup saleyards?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) The WA Livestock Salesmen's Association is working closely with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on design options for upgrading effluent management. The Shire of Capel will be given the opportunity to comment on the preferred option once determined.
- (2) The Shire of Capel met with WALSA last week for a progress update on this issue and considers the matter to be on track.
- (3) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has provided comments on four of the six draft management plans to the Shire of Capel. The biosecurity and livestock standstill plans are still under review.
- (4) The saleyards are currently operating under an interim lease to ensure continuity of livestock sale operations. Negotiations are expected to be concluded shortly and a new lease signed before the end of the year.

WALSA has already made significant changes to its operations to improve animal welfare management, including earlier sale times to avoid the hottest parts of the day, reduced pen stocking rates, data loggers in pens to monitor heat, upgraded access to drinking water for animals, and stock inspectors and agency officers in attendance at each sale.