

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — SHEEP AND GOATS — ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION

1323. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the Federal Government requirement that all sheep and goats will be required to be electronically tagged as of 1 January 2025, and I ask:

- (a) what is the time frame for the rollout of identification tags in Western Australia; and
- (b) will the State Government be providing any funding to farmers to enable the smooth implementation of the policy?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (a) The Australian Agriculture Ministers (AMM) have agreed to support a national transition to eID for sheep and goats, with all jurisdictions working toward a 1 January 2025 implementation date.
- (b) In December 2022, the State Government announced \$3.4 million in funding to support the initial stages of the eID rollout in Western Australia (WA).

The State Government is currently considering further contributions as part of the 2023–24 State Budget.