

AGRICULTURE — DROUGHT — MURCHISON AND GASCOYNE

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

I refer to the current drought conditions being experienced by primary producers located in the Murchison and Gascoyne regions.

- (1) Has the government received any requests for financial assistance to transport feed or assist with the relocation of livestock for those producers suffering extreme hardship?
- (2) If yes, will the government provide financial assistance; and, if so, in what form?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) In the absence of financial assistance, what support is being provided to those primary producers?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The answer is correct as of 12 March, which is the date it was asked.

- (1) No.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.
- (4) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development provides information to primary producers via its Season 2024 webpage, which was recently updated with information to support pastoralists.