

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

1722. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands.

I refer to questions on notice Nos 700 and 709, and more generally the danger to motor vehicle operators and passengers from straying livestock on our major haulage roads and highways, and I ask:

(a) how many times has the Pastoral Lands Board issued default notices for failure to maintain infrastructure, including fences, during the past ten years:

(i) how many pastoralists were issued with these notices;

(b) of the default notices issued in (a):

(i) what was the average time allowed for pastoral lessees to comply;

(ii) how many times were the pastoral lessees liable for payment of the \$50,000 penalty and/or the daily penalty of \$1,000 for failure to comply; and

(iii) how many of the breaches resulted in forfeiture of the pastoral leases;

(c) how much time were pastoral lessees given to rectify outstanding compliance issues;

(d) what follow-up will occur, and by whom, to ensure pastoral lessees comply with orders to maintain fences and other infrastructure prior to their pastoral leases being renewed; and

(e) how many pastoral properties along the Great Northern Highway and North West Coastal Highway are unfenced:

(i) how many head of cattle do each of these unfenced properties have?

Answer

(a) 20

(i) 19

(b)

(i) One month.

(ii) Nil, none of the above default notices resulted in prosecution.

(iii) One

(c) The Pastoral Lands Board determines the amount of time that is reasonable to achieve compliance on a case by case basis.

(d) The Department of Lands and Department of Agriculture and Food advise the Pastoral Lands Board in relation to the compliance status of each lease through a process of desk based assessment, communication with lessees and on-site inspections.

(e) Main Roads has advised that six pastoral leases along the Great Northern Highway and two pastoral leases along the North West Coastal Highway are unfenced.

(i) Austin Downs: 188 head of cattle
 Emu Creek: 2001 head of cattle
 Kangan: 8400 head of cattle
 Mandora: 3135 head of cattle
 Wynyangoo: Destocked
 Wanarie: Destocked
 Yanrey: 6196 head of cattle
 Yarraquin: 390 head of cattle

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