

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**C1404**

**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE**  
(Of which some notice has been given)

**Tuesday, 25 November 2014**

Hon Robin Chappie to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands.

With regard to **Straying Livestock** and in reference to **Question on Notice 1722**, I ask:

1. To whom do the cattle belong that are regularly observed on the **Great Northern Highway** (including the **Derby Road** and **Broome Road**) between **Derby** and **Broome** and how often is this stretch of road monitored?
2. How is it that there are cattle on this stretch of road if there are no unfenced properties in the vicinity?
3. What is the longest amount of time within which it is reasonable to achieve compliance from pastoral leaseholders who are issued with an order to repair fences and maintain infrastructure, and what is the shortest time within which compliance has been achieved?

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I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

1. It is difficult to determine who the cattle belong to in the mentioned area. Adjoining pastoral leases are **Yeeda**, **Roebuck Plains** and **Mowanjum** as well as unallocated **Crown land**. Cattle are present in all of these areas. The monitoring of roads is not within the responsibility of agencies within my portfolio.
2. Fenced properties have been known to be damaged by storms, fires or by the cattle themselves or by gates being left open for extended periods of time.
3. All **Pastoral Lands Board (Board)** directives and notices are issued having regard to the specific circumstances of the case and prevail until such time as compliance has been achieved to the satisfaction of the Board. The time it takes for lessees to comply with a Board directive also varies and can take anywhere between one month to several years.

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