

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Thursday, 30 August 2018

1609. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands

I refer to the photos found here: <http://www.robinchapple.com/2018-08-21-yeeda-cattleprod> of a car accident caused by straying cattle of Yeeda stock on 21 August 2018 at 5:30am, hit at 100 kilometers per hour with lights dipped for oncoming traffic, and I ask:

- (a) was the Yeeda Station informed;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), was compensation offered to the vehicle owner by Yeeda Station;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) is it an offence to allow cattle to roam the highways under either State or local government laws;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) if yes to (e) was action taken against Yeeda Station for allowing stock to roam the highway; and
- (h) if no to (g), why not?

Answer

- (a) This information is not known to Main Roads.
- (b) It is not current practice for Main Roads to notify the station owners.
- (c)-(d) Not applicable
- (e) Yes. Under the *Road Traffic Code 2000* it is an offence under section 275 for a person in charge of stock to allow it to stray onto a road; or having taken stock onto a road, allow it to remain there unattended, or inadequately attended. In addition, the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960* states that it is an offence under section 484 for an owner to allow their cattle to stray into and be at large in a street or public place.
- (f) Not applicable
- (g) This information is not known to Main Roads
- (h) Main Roads has no enforcement of the legislation detailed in part (e).

