

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

C023. Hon Jim Chown to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

A massive and incomprehensible animal cruelty episode has unfolded in the Kimberley and Pilbara over the last few months. Thousands of cattle have suffered or have perished due to lack of water and I ask;

- 1) Who are the responsible lease holders on Noonkanbah Station and Yandeyarra reserve?
- 2) On what date was DPIRD first made aware of the situation on both Noonkanbah Station and Yandeyarra Reserve?
- 3) What has been the combined number of cattle deaths?
- 4) Were either of these stations under DPIRD management prior to these catastrophic events taking place?

Answer

I am very heartened to learn the Member is concerned about episodes of massive incomprehensible animal cruelty and am sure this extends to both cattle and sheep.

1. The Yungngora Association is the lease holder for Noonkanbah Station and Mugarinya Community Association Inc is the lease holder of Yandeyarra Reserve.
2. DPIRD was first made aware of the situation on Noonkanbah on 24 December 2018, and on Yandeyarra on 17 January 2019.
3. Approximately 85 cattle were destroyed by DPIRD officers at Noonkanbah and approximately 760 head of cattle at Yandeyarra. The latest estimate is that total deaths could exceed 2000.
4. Neither station was under DPIRD management. DPIRD do not manage pastoral leases.

