

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**Tuesday, 12 February 2019**

**C018. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Agriculture and Food**

I refer to the recent cattle deaths reported to have occurred at Yandeyarra Reserve, and I ask;

1. On what date did the Department become aware that there were significant animal welfare issues arising at Yandeyarra?
2. On what date was the Minister informed of these issues?
3. What direct actions were taken by the DPIRD in response to learning of the issues arising at Yandeyarra?

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**Answer**

1. Department officers received an animal welfare report late afternoon on 17 January 2019. On January 18 and 19 investigation staff were mobilised. DPLH and DPIRD Livestock Compliance Unit officers flew to Port Hedland on January 20. An LCU officer was on site to commence investigation on 21 January 2019.
2. The Minister's office was advised on 21 January 2019.
3. Department staff undertook an aerial assessment of Yandeyarra to assess the welfare of cattle on the property and supplies of food and water, undertook destruction of cattle where needed and commenced emergency management activities to improve access for cattle to water where practical.

