

ANIMAL WELFARE — CATTLE — GOLDFIELDS

514. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

Can the minister advise whether she is aware of any recent animal welfare issues emerging on a southern rangelands station that has required an intervention by Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development staff?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for that question.

My department was notified of a potential issue at a station in the goldfields area and it attended that site and saw problems. We are not talking about a huge number of cattle. It has taken action to work with the proprietors of the station. I understand that now a contract musterer has been engaged and we expect that muster to be completed by the end of next week.