

FOOTROT ERADICATION PROGRAM REVIEW

Personal Explanation, Minister for Primary Industry

MR HOUSE (Stirling - Minister for Primary Industry) [2.12 pm]: Last Thursday I responded to a question from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition about the review of the footrot program in Western Australia. I indicated that the people involved in the destocking program had, to the best of my knowledge, not written to me about the matter but that I would check for any correspondence from them. A letter from Mr P Gill, the owner of a Mt Barker property that was issued with a destocking order by the chief inspector of stock on 23 March 2000 was on file. However, Mr Gill's correspondence relates to a date after the review was put in place. Mr Gill wrote to me about the footrot eradication program in general terms on 29 May 2000, which was during the review process and after the dates associated with the destocking orders. I referred this letter to the review committee for its consideration and I responded to Mr Gill on 28 June 2000. I will table Mr Gill's letter to me and my response to him.

[See papers Nos 525A-B.]