

E.G. GREEN AND SONS PTY LTD, DEBT

509. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry:

In relation to the current financial difficulties of E.G. Green and Sons Pty Ltd, Harvey Beef, will the minister indicate what proportion of the debt can be attributed to the company and what proportion of the debt is private? The minister may not be at liberty to divulge the information.

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

If I understand the question, it is: what proportion of the debt is long term - that is, secured - and what proportion is unsecured or owing to farmers and stock firms?

Hon Barry House: I am thinking more of family debt as opposed to company debt.

Hon KIM CHANCE: I do not have that information and, if I did, I would not be able to provide it. I genuinely do not have that information. The administrator of the company would be able to handle the first part of the question but not the second.