

MT BARKER PROPERTIES, REVOCATION OF DESTOCKING ORDERS

1. Mr RIPPER to the Minister for Primary Industry:

- (1) Were those orders prepared?
- (2) Were they revoked after two weeks, and why?
- (3) The minister is responsible for the agency; why can he not answer the question?

Mr HOUSE replied:

- (1)-(3) Yesterday when I was not here, the Opposition launched an attack on me for intervening and for upsetting the process. It has been at me on the radio for the past two days telling me that I should not interfere in these matters. Now it wants to know whether I interfered in this matter because it suits it to think that I did. I am telling the Deputy Leader of the Opposition I did not. I have clearly told him what the process was.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr Ripper interjected.

The SPEAKER: I formally call to order the Deputy Leader of the Opposition for the first time.