

DAIRY INDUSTRY — ASSISTANCE

1337. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the minister's recent advice to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations that the federal government would consider a proposal to provide assistance to the dairy industry "should one become available".

- (1) Is the minister going to present a proposal to the federal government?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) what is the proposal;
 - (b) who put the proposal together;
 - (c) who was consulted about the substance of the proposal;
 - (d) when will the proposal be finalised and presented to the federal government;
 - (e) what is the cost of the proposal to —
 - (i) the state government; and
 - (ii) the federal government; and
 - (f) when will assistance be available?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon MARK LEWIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The Western Australian government is still in discussions with the federal government about assistance that may be available.