

WATER SUPPLY — DRYLAND AREAS

**199. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Water:**

I have a supplementary question. I would note that I am also asking on behalf of your constituents in Jerramungup as well, Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER:** Member, you cannot do that. I am the Speaker, I am not the member for Albany, so you cannot refer to my electorate.

**Mr M.P. Murray** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** Will the minister please table the advice that his department has provided to farmers and landholders in the rainfall deficient areas in regard to accessing water for livestock and homes?

**Mr D.J. KELLY replied:**

Member, a lot of that is verbal advice. In these circumstances, people want to know what water is available, so we do not sit down and write a ministerial statement or a briefing note. A lot of that advice is verbal. If the member actually wants to find out what is happening, I am more than happy to give him a briefing on it. Member for Roe, my advice is: do not come in here and try to score cheap political points when people in your area are suffering. Our departments are working —

**Mr P.J. Rundle:** I'm bringing it to your attention.

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** The one thing that we on this side cannot do is make it rain. We cannot make it rain.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, can you get to the end. It is a supplementary question, not a speech.

**Mr D.J. KELLY:** The former Minister for Water gets very agitated on this issue, because she knows that when she had the chance to do something in this area, she did nothing.