

MIDLAND SALEYARDS — FUNDS FROM SALE

167. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) How much money has been realised from the sale of the Midland saleyards; what has been sold to date; and, who holds the funds?
- (2) Have any of these funds been used to finance other stockyard facilities, specifically Katanning and Boyanup or any others; and, if so, which ones and how many funds were used for each?
- (3) Will the replacement saleyards be located in the south west red meat precinct; and, if not, why not?
- (4) When will the Midland saleyards be decommissioned?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Approximately \$79 million has been realised. These funds are being held and managed by the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority.
- (2) No. No funds from the sale of the Midland saleyards land have been used on other saleyards to date.
- (3) A replacement saleyard for Boyanup is most likely to be located in the south west. A decision on the final location has not been made.
- (4) The decommissioning process will commence on 27 April and continue over the next six to nine months.