

FOOTROT, DESTOCKING ORDERS

**1. Mr RIPPER to the Minister for Primary Industry:**

I ask a supplementary question. Did the farmers involved seek the minister's personal intervention with regard to the revocation of these orders, and did the minister personally intervene?

**Mr HOUSE replied:**

Representatives of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association came to me, as I said, and asked me to review the program. They were not satisfied that it was working properly.

Mr Ripper interjected.

Mr HOUSE: I have not spoken to the two people to whom the member refers. In fact, I did not speak to them about this issue before the review or after the review. I have to tell the member that I probably would not recognise them if I ran into them. That is not to say I have not met them; I may well have met them, but I have not spoken to them on this issue, either before or since the review.

Mr Kobelke: What about correspondence?

Mr HOUSE: Neither have I had any correspondence from them. I have not had a letter from them that I can recall, but the member has raised a good issue, and I will get my staff to check the files. I do not remember any letter or phone call from those two people.