

NATIONAL DROUGHT SUMMIT

**988. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. I understand that the Premier believes that the state is doing what it can, but how much longer do pastoralists, specifically in the southern rangelands, whose stock are dying in droves, have to wait until the state fulfils its responsibilities to animal welfare?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

As I said to the Leader of the Nationals WA before, pastoralists concerned about whether they have sufficient feed to ensure their animals' welfare should contact DPIRD's dry season response group to receive assistance, support and advice. I do not know for how long the government will continue feeding people's cattle using taxpayers' funds and whether it is a sustainable long-term solution.