

POTATOES, MARKETING REVIEW

894. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

- (1) Is the marketing system for potatoes in Western Australia being reviewed currently?
- (2) If so, what is the nature of that review?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

- (1) Yes; the nature of the review is under the national competition policy arrangements.
- (2) Basically, the review is carried out by the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture then supplies me with a report. I supply that report to the expenditure review committee, which replaced the government management committee under the former Government. That report is then signed off by the competition policy unit of Treasury or sent back by Treasury. It is a conventional process, very much the same process as followed by the former Government, except that the expenditure review committee replaces the government management committee at that crucial point of referral to cabinet level.