

MUCHEA SALEYARDS

386. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

It is indicated in the budget that funds have been allocated for the Muchea saleyards.

- (1) What will be the total cost of the completion of the Muchea saleyards complex?
- (2) What structures are included in this plan?
- (3) What is the expected revenue from the sale of Midland saleyards and its surrounds?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Murray Criddle for some notice of the question.

- (1) The total project is estimated to cost \$16 million.
- (2) The Muchea livestock centre will have an intensive operations area, holding and aggregation paddocks and general grazing paddocks. It is planned that the intensive operations area will include a five-hectare undercover area containing the cattle and sheep processing area, sheep and cattle holding and feeding areas, a multipurpose cattle and sheep area to be utilised as required in response to demand, saleyard offices and a café, in addition to stud selling and training areas. Truck unloading and loading facilities, an eight-bay truck wash, truck and trailer parking and car parking areas will also be provided. Appropriate access, water storage and effluent management structures will also be constructed.
- (3) The Western Australian Meat Industry Authority expects a return in the order of \$16 million from the sale of the land, so it is a balance.