

LIVE EXPORT

255. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I refer to the recent visit made at short notice by the federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's advisory panel on Labor's plans to end live export, when over 1 000 farmers and support industry representatives expressed their concerns over the threat to their livelihood.

- (1) Has the Premier made any contact with the federal minister regarding this consultation or the future of the industry?
- (2) Considering the government's reported allocation of \$1.6 million in the state budget to defend WA's share of GST, can we expect some similar measures to defend this crucial WA industry that accounts for over 97 per cent of Australia's live sheep exports?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

- (1)–(2) I am not aware of any visit by any advisory panel. I passed on my views to the federal minister some months ago.