

DANCE, MR GEOFF

446. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the minister representing the Ministry for Primary Industry:

- (1) On what date was Geoff Dance appointed as chief executive officer of the Grain Pool of Western Australia?
- (2) When was his contract due to expire?
- (3) What was the cost of his appointment?
- (4) Why was his appointment terminated?
- (5) What was the cost of his final payout?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The Grain Pool of Western Australia is an autonomous industry-funded and managed authority. Its board has the right to employ and dismiss staff in the normal commercial manner. The minister has no reason to doubt that the board has acted within its powers in this matter.

- (1) 15 November 1999.
- (2) A five-year contract subject to the right to terminate on the giving of 12 months' notice or payment in lieu thereof.
- (3) The terms of the appointment and the severance are subject to confidentiality restrictions between the board and Mr Dance.
- (4) Concern about Mr Dance's handling of management issues and relationships between the Grain Pool and other parties.
- (5) See answer No (3).