

LIVE EXPORT — FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY

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

I have a supplementary question. How will the Premier tackle federal Labor's arrogance in refusing to release the panel report and to reconsider the live export ban to defend Western Australian farmers and their livelihoods?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I have used both my opportunities to speak with the Prime Minister on these things in formal opportunities. We have made a formal proposition to the federal government review. The Minister for Agriculture and Food has also been in constant contact with her counterpart in Canberra to make it clear what Western Australia's attitude is on these things. We will continue to advocate for Western Australian farmers. Our agriculture industry is an important part of our economy.

Mr P.J. Rundle: When's it going to release the report?

Mr R.H. COOK: When will the federal government release it? I do not know. That is a matter for the federal government. The member would be better off getting his colleagues in Canberra to ask that question. I know that the Minister for Agriculture and Food, Hon Jackie Jarvis, will be raising these issues regularly with her federal counterpart.