

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS, CLOSURE

74. Hon M.J. CRIDDLE to the Minister for Agriculture:

Can the minister confirm the imminent closure of three agricultural research stations; and, if so, which are they?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

No. Agriculture Western Australia has conducted an internal review of the business activities of all its research stations. It is my intention to take the outcomes of this review through a consultative process with both the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA and the Western Australian Farmers Federation, and in addition to seek input from local stakeholders. All of this will be done as part of the department's consideration of that review.