

LAND, FARMLAND CLEARING APPLICATIONS

64. Hon KIM CHANCE to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Primary Industry:

In relation to agricultural land clearing applications that have been refused -

- (1) Did the Minister for Primary Industry announce more than 12 months ago that he would establish a working group to examine the equity issues relating to farmland clearing and to proposed solutions for those farmers who have been disadvantaged as a result of a refusal of a permit to clear land for agricultural use?
- (2) Did the Soil and Land Conservation Council endorse on 29 June 1999 a resolution of the State Salinity Council of 29 March 1999 that these equity issues needed to be addressed and satisfactorily resolved?
- (3) Has this working group reported to the Minister for Primary Industry?
- (4) If so, will the minister now table a copy of this report?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) Yes.
- (4) The report was released on 2 April 2000.