

DAIRY INDUSTRY, REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION CHANGE

960 Hon KIM CHANCE to the minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry:

I refer to the matter of dairy deregulation and to the statement of the Minister for Primary Industry, by letter of 16 August 1999, that the Government has no intention of changing legislation unless the industry comes to him with a firm proposal requesting some change, and ask -

- (1) Has the Western Australian dairy industry so far presented the Minister for Primary Industry with a firm proposal that makes this request?
- (2) If so, in what form has the request been made?
- (3) Who has made the request on the industry's behalf?
- (4) Will the minister now table the instrument that contains the firm proposal requesting that change?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(4) The Western Australian dairy industry has formally approached the State Government requesting removal of the Dairy Industry Act 1973. I table the request from the WA Farmers Federation, signed by the president of the dairy section.

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