

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — PROPERTY ASSETS

3693. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In regards to the Department of Food and Agriculture's property portfolio and the intention to sell off assets, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please identify:
 - (i) which assets are to be sold off;
 - (ii) of these assets, can the Minister identify which ones are lazy assets; and
 - (iii) how does the Minister define the term 'lazy' in relation to property assets;
- (b) who is/are the selling agent/agents commissioned to sell these assets;
- (c) what selection process was undertaken to choose the selling agent/agents;
- (d) how much does the State Government expect to realise from the sale of such assets; and
- (e) what will the State Government do with any surplus from the sale of such assets?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

Department of Agriculture and Food

- (a) (i) Currently the Department has 19 properties approved for sale:
Nungarin depot, Southern Cross vacant land, Ravensthorpe depot, Leonora depot, Leonora vacant land, Mt Magnet depot, Yalgoo depot, Manjimup depot, Corrigin vacant land, Northam, vacant land, Success vacant land, Moora depot, Denmark two land parcels, Esperance vacant land, Katanning depot, Wagin depot, Meekatharra Office and Norseman vacant land.
- (ii) All are "lazy" assets.
- (iii) Assets not currently or projected to be used to support the agency's business and operational demands.
- (b) The Department of Regional Development and Lands (RDL) through the Physical Asset Clearing House.
- (c) DTF Asset Disposal Policy.
- (d) Not available, properties still going through the clearing process by RDL, when completed, valuations will be requested, together with chemical contamination liability and advice on whether the properties can progress to sale.
- (e) Any surplus from sale of assets will be invested in accordance with Government priorities, including upgrades of retained assets and approved regional capital works.