

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MILK AND BEEF PRICES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Notice of Motion

Mr P.D. Omodei (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move -
That a select committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to inquire into and report on -

- (a) the price of milk and beef in Western Australia and as to whether farmers are receiving a fair price for their produce;
- (b) whether processors and retailers are providing milk and beef at a fair price to consumers;
- (c) whether processors and retailers are engaging in unconscionable conduct in discounting milk in WA;
- (d) whether abattoirs and retailers are engaging in unconscionable conduct in setting prices of beef in WA;
- (e) why beef on the hoof is sold at significantly lower prices in WA than in the eastern states of Australia;
- (f) whether retail prices of beef and milk are being passed on to farmers;
- (g) examine mechanisms to ensure farmers receive a fair proportion of retail revenue for milk and beef;
- (h) investigate the abattoir industry in WA and make recommendations to improve this sector;
- (i) investigate the closure of saleyards in regional WA and make recommendations as to their retention and location;
- (j) investigate the funding of the federal government's dairy adjustment scheme and the 11.5c milk levy and as to which sector of the industry is paying the levy;
- (k) make recommendations as to which sector of the dairy industry should receive the 11.5c on the conclusion of the dairy adjustment scheme; and
- (l) other matters where there is a perceived or actual negative impact on farmer returns in the dairy and beef industries.

That the select committee report back to this house no later than 31 January 2008.