

LIVE EXPORT — FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY

87. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I refer to the ongoing attacks on the live sheep export industry from the federal Labor government and comments from federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Murray Watt, in which he says that he does not think there is anything the Premier or Minister Jarvis could do to change his mind about shutting down the industry.

- (1) Has the Premier impressed upon the federal minister or the Prime Minister the importance of this \$136 million industry to our state?
- (2) Given the minister's ignorant resolve, what will he do to move him from this dangerous position?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please! I note that the question is about a federal minister, but I will ask the Premier to respond as appropriate.

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

- (1)–(2) The nature of the questioning from the state opposition is often about issues totally outside the state government. My views on this are well publicised and I urge the member to ask any questions of the federal government about its policies should he have them.