

PILBARA LIVESTOCK DEPOT, FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR POWER

**833. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development:**

When will the Government fund the headworks charges for power to the Pilbara Livestock Depot, given that approval was granted in September 2001?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

The Pilbara Livestock Depot received funding assistance approval to provide power to its facility under the regional headworks development scheme. Funding assistance under the scheme for all successful applicants is subject to applicants meeting the terms and conditions contained in a letter of offer provided to them. The Department of Local Government and Regional Development, which administers the scheme, is currently awaiting advice from the Pilbara Livestock Depot's proprietors on how the terms and conditions in the original letter of offer will be met. Since the original approval in September 2001, the department has negotiated an arrangement in which the proprietors of the depot will not bear the total cost of headworks associated with the provision of power to the depot. When the Pilbara Livestock Depot's proprietors have met the terms and conditions of the RHDS funding approval, funding assistance will be provided.