



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr K. Lawson

Hon. H. PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Primary Industries) (10.10 a.m.), by leave: It is with great sadness that I inform the House today of the untimely death of Keith Edward Lawson, executive chairman of Australia Meat Holdings Proprietary Limited. Keith Lawson would be well known to many members of this place and our thoughts are with his family.

From May 1991, Keith Lawson served as executive chairman of Australia Meat Holdings, the country's biggest meat processor. His contribution to the meat processing industry in this country has been very significant. A beef producer himself, Mr Lawson's involvement in the meat processing sector began in the 1970s. He served as deputy general manager of the South Australian Meat Corporation from 1973 to 1980. He worked for a time as manufacturing manager of Riverland Fruit Products. Later, Keith Lawson was to link up with Elders, and it was from the position of executive director of the Pastoral House's Meat Division that Keith became the architect of the formation of AMH. Keith then served as Elders Brewing Group executive director, then managing director of Elders Pastoral, before rising to the post of chief executive of Elders Agribusiness.

In any field of endeavour, whether it be business, sport or in public life, it is a triumph to attain the respect of your peers. Keith Lawson commanded the respect of his peers. He commanded that respect because he was a gentleman and because he was committed to our primary industries sector.
