

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 748
Asked on 18 June 2004

MR WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to irresponsible land owners who do not ensure they have proper fences to keep their stock fenced in, whereby the stock regularly wander on to public roads—

Does he plan to amend the current Queensland law in relation to this issue; if so, when?

ANSWER:

The Member for Nicklin would appreciate that his question raises at least two areas of law that are complex to resolve under Queensland conditions.

The first area of law if compulsory fencing of all stock from roadways is being considered, is animal control law. This is a local government matter.

The second area of law is the common law relating to liability for damages caused in accidents involving stock on roads – liability for damage to people and vehicles and liability for damage to the stock.

This specialised area of law is a matter for my colleague the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.