

POLICE — ANIMAL ACTIVISM — POLICE RESPONSE

2734. Hon Colin de Grussa to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to recent incidents of misguided animal activism perpetuated under this Government's watch including an incident on 4 November 2019, where police resources were deployed to escort a livestock transporter, and the malicious targeting of Perth Butcher, Vincent Garreffa, both online and through a protest outside his lawfully operating business on 9 November 2019, and I ask:

- (a) were any arrests, charges or move-on-notices issued in relation to these above events;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide details; and
- (c) was a police helicopter deployed to respond to either of these events, and for how many hours was it required;
- (d) what is the cost to the taxpayer for the deployment of a police helicopter for one hour, and is it more or less than the \$2,795.00 listed in the *Police (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018*?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

The Western Australian Police Force advise:

- (a)–(b) The information provided in the question is insufficient to identify a specific incident relating to police resources being deployed to escort a livestock transporter on 4 November 2019.

However, on 4 November 2019, police responded to persons protesting the live transportation of chickens outside the Inghams factory in Osborne Park. Three move-on notices were issued.

The WA Police Force attended and dealt with a protest at Mondo Butchers, Inglewood on 9 November 2019, without arrest, charges or move-on notices.

- (c) Yes, 20 minutes to the incident on 4 November 2019 at Osborne Park.
- (d) \$2 795.00 per hour prescribed under the *Police (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018* is based on an average of actual operating and deployment costs of the various rotary aircraft (inclusive of crew, salary, fuel and maintenance costs etc).