

ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

175. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Has the Government adopted the Commonwealth Government's National Standards for keeping freshwater and saltwater crocodiles?
- (2) If no to (1):
 - (a) why not;
 - (b) what current regulations are in place;
 - (c) how are these enforced;
 - (d) does the Government plan to adopt the National Standards in the future; and
 - (e) if so, when?
- (3) If yes to (1):
 - (a) how are the National Standards enforced;
 - (b) has the Government varied or sought exemption from any of the standards; and
 - (c) if so, why?
- (4) Has the Government reviewed Western Australia's compliance with the National Standards:
 - (a) if no to (4), why not; and
 - (b) if yes to (4):
 - (i) what were the findings of the review; and
 - (ii) if the review is ongoing, when will it be completed?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (1) No.
- (2)
 - (a) The "*Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines: Exhibited Animals — Crocodilian Standards and Guidelines*" are currently in development under the auspices of the Council of Australian Governments' Standing Council on Primary Industries. The State will review the draft guidelines when they are released for public comment, and will consider the final guidelines for adoption in relation to the Department of Parks and Wildlife's *Western Australian Crocodilian Standards and Guidelines*.
 - (b) *Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970*.
 - (c) Through inspections of premises licensed under the regulations by authorised Department of Parks and Wildlife officers and through the application and enforcement of appropriate licence conditions.
 - (d)–(e) See the response to (1) and (2)(a).
- (3)–(4) See the response to (1) and (2)(a).