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Hon Colin De Grussa; Hon Alannah MacTiernan

STABLE FLY — MANAGEMENT PLAN

190. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the stable fly management plan 2019.

- (1) What is currently being done to address the use of untreated or improperly treated manure in the irrigated horticulture industry?
- (2) How many pest control notices have been issued since the SFMP was implemented?
- (3) How many infringements or prosecutions have been issued or commenced during that time?
- (4) Given that the current authorisation of most local government authority stable fly inspectors has lapsed, when will more training for LGA inspector authorisations be provided by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) Management of poultry manure to manage stable fly breeding is regulated under the stable fly management plan 2019. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is exploring options for the development of a certification process for poultry manure that is transported or used for horticultural purposes within stable fly–affected areas to improve compliance with the regulated requirements under the management plan.
- (2) Since the implementation of the stable fly management plan 2019, four pest control notices have been issued. All four notices were issued in 2019–20 by DPIRD.
- (3) There have been no prosecutions; all pest control notices issued have been complied with.
- (4) DPIRD will undertake the re-authorisation of local government authority officers as stable fly inspectors in April 2022. I understand from the officer of the Shire of Gingin that that might be done this month. Updated training for new LGA officers will be completed by October 2022, obviously dependent on staff availability and the workload of their respective LGAs.