

STABLE FLY — MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

I refer to the expiration of the two-year transitional period for the stable fly management plan 2019.

- (1) Will the minister reconvene the regulatory reference group to undertake a review of the SFMP; and, if so, when?
- (2) Will the minister ensure that any such review includes the investigation of —
  - (a) the requirement for composting untreated manure to Australian standard 4454 rather than treating raw manure with sodium borate and calcium cyanamide;
  - (b) the introduction under law of a waybill system for the transportation of raw manure for use in dry land pasture and cropping;
  - (c) a full audit of the horticulture industry to determine the extent to which new equipment has been purchased and skills developed in accordance with the SFMP;
  - (d) new vegetable crop residue management practices, such as lifting residue from tractor wheel ruts to be left on the surface to dry completely before being returned to the soil; and
  - (e) the revision of prosecutorial powers related to the regulation and management of the stable fly such that prosecutions are able to be undertaken by the local government authority?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. I do not have a copy of the response. It was here; I do not know why it has gone from the pile, but I can make a couple of comments.

- (1)–(2) It was after quite considerable work, aided by Hon Darren West, that we developed the stable fly management plan in 2019. It was gazetted in 2019, and the provisions in it were that it would be two years from the gazettal point until it became enforceable to give industry time to adjust. In fact, the plan has probably been operating fewer than six months. The agreement with all parties was that it would be in operation for two years and then there would be a review; Therefore, we are not proposing to review it at this stage. However, I have asked Hon Darren West, as my parliamentary secretary, after one full year of operation—which will be in either September or October 2022—to conduct an interim review of the management plan to see whether anything needs to be geed up before the second year is underway. As I answered in a previous question, we are working to fix up the authorisations of local governments to ensure that they are properly empowered to do what they need to do.