

ANIMAL ACTIVISM — PERTH ROYAL SHOW

**1017. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to events being organised by an animal activist group in WA on 27 and 28 September, given that a previous event by activists on 5 June resulted in significant police resources being required in Narrogin, Harvey, Beaufort River, and an arrest in Osborne Park.

- (1) What information does the minister have regarding the planned events for 27 and 28 September?
- (2) How will this information be communicated to those targeted?
- (3) What was the total cost of police resources, including staff, deployed on 5 June in response to animal activist behaviour; and can the minister please provide a breakdown of these costs?
- (4) When will the state government introduce legislation to deter the criminal behaviours of animal activists?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Police.

This question has been answered on the assumption the events being organised by the animal activists on 27 and 28 September 2019 are planned to coincide with the Perth Royal Show.

- (1) The Western Australia Police Force is aware of an event planned by Direct Action Everywhere at the Perth Royal Show, on 27 and 28 September 2019. The group will protest outside the entry gates to the Royal Show using placards.
- (2) The policing response to the Perth Royal Show is being managed by the major events coordination unit. Officers from that unit are in frequent contact with the Royal Agricultural Society.
- (3) No additional costs were incurred by the Western Australia Police Force.
- (4) This question should be directed to the Attorney General.