

ANIMAL ACTIVISM — LEGISLATION

1403. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the state government's long-promised legislation to deter criminal activists from interfering with farmers and other lawfully operating businesses, which the Attorney General has failed to introduce to Parliament to date.

- (1) Does the government intend to link the originally proposed legislation with increased powers for designated general inspectors within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the RSPCA?
- (2) If yes, can the Attorney General please provide further details of this proposal and when he intends to introduce this new proposal to the Parliament?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The government intends to introduce stiff anti-trespass laws for those who trespass upon farmland to interfere with food production, and to balance this with enhanced rights of entry for inspectors to abattoirs, knackeries and intensive farming.
- (2) The proposal is currently under development. As the Attorney General indicated in response to Legislative Assembly question without notice 583 answered on 7 August 2019, the legislation will be introduced as soon as it is ready.