

ANIMAL WELFARE REVIEW — 2015–16 STATE BUDGET

501. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the funding allocated in last week's budget under "Animal Welfare Review" of \$1.145 million in 2016–17, \$985 000 in 2017–18, \$921 000 in 2018–19 and \$958 000 in 2019–20.

- (1) How is this money to be spent in each of the four years?
- (2) Who will be responsible for allocating this money?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) The majority of the funds will be spent on new ongoing positions within the department, including new regional inspectors, a communications officer and policy positions. These positions will support the development of a state animal welfare strategy, commence the background work for a review of the act and increase animal welfare compliance and inspection activities in the regions. Consultancies regarding the inspector governance framework development and animal welfare strategy work will also be undertaken.
- (2) The Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia will allocate and manage the funds.