

HEMP RESOURCES LIMITED — COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION

8539. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

I refer to the issue of Hemp Resources Limited's repeated requests for an investigation into the alleged illegal importation of genetic material and theft of intellectual property, and I ask, can the Minister inform the House the exact process the Hemp Registrar, Mark Holland, followed to establish the bona fides or otherwise of Donald Khoo at the time of the first complaint by Hemp Resources Limited in October 2008?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

The bona Fides of Donald Khoo were established at the time Dharmic Pty Ltd applied for a license under the Industrial Hemp Act 2004. This process included consideration of Dharmic's application for a license under the Industrial Hemp Act 2004, contacting the applicant's referees and forwarding the application to the Commissioner of Police under s6(2) for consideration of relevant parties.