

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — RSPCA

**545. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 522 about the Department of Agriculture and Food's concerns with the acquittal of the RSPCA's funding.

- (1) How many meetings were held and how many phone calls were made to discuss these concerns?
- (2) Did DAFWA make any file notes or other written records of the meetings or telephone calls; and, if yes, how many written records did it make?
- (3) How many letters and how many emails have been sent and on what dates were they sent?
- (4) On what date was the minister first made aware of the concerns?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) A number of phone calls and meetings occurred from early 2014 and are still ongoing.
- (2) Yes, but given the time available we have not been able to access them.
- (3) Approximately 17 documents and 160 emails were sent over an extended period.
- (4) Early 2014.