

RSPCA — PREMIER'S COMMENTS

502. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Is the minister aware of comments today by the Premier, a patron of the RSPCA, in support of the good work and reputation of the RSPCA, and seemingly in contradiction to the criticism raised recently in this chamber?
- (2) Can the minister explain why the Department of Agriculture and Food has had only one successful prosecution since the beginning of the financial year in 2013?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the honourable member for the question. As I said in my speech, I also acknowledge the good work done by the RSPCA, and I actually read out a whole heap of lists at that time. So if the member refers back to that, she will see the answer to that. I was not aware of what the Premier had said, but I understand that he has obviously followed that suit that I took as well. Because there has been only one prosecution, I cannot answer that, but I will see if I can find out for the member.