

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — RSPCA

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

- (1) On how many occasions in the last two years has the Department of Agriculture and Food raised concerns with the RSPCA about the acquittal of its government funding?
- (2) What was the nature of the concerns raised?
- (3) How were the concerns addressed?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia has had extensive contact with the RSPCA, including meetings, telephone calls, correspondence and emails, in relation to the implementation of animal welfare and animal welfare regulation, with numerous discussions also including reference to the funding provided by the government to the RSPCA through DAFWA.
- (2) Discussions have included DAFWA's concerns about the scope of activities to be covered by the funding, performance, reporting against the grant agreement and administrative arrangements.
- (3) Concerns have generally been addressed via clarification and/or rejection by the RSPCA or the provision of additional information.