

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT REGULATION — GD PORK — LICENCE

4516. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Licence L7286/1998/10 (GD Pork Pty Ltd):

- (a) has GD Pork or the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) sought to amend this licence to lawfully compost carcasses (including details and outcomes);
- (b) has GD Pork established a complaints management system under this licence (full details);
- (c) has GD Pork reported non-compliance with the licence condition 2.7.1 (odour);
- (d) has DER undertaken any investigation of odour discharge that was not initiated by a complainant; and
- (e) with regard to any current or proposed application for the licensing of an expanded operation, will DER require full compliance with the current licence before considering a new one? If not, why not?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) granted GD Pork Holdings Pty Ltd (GD Pork) a works approval on 25 September 2015 to expand its existing piggery at West Pinjarra, which is currently licensed under Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (L7286/1998/10). The expansion proposal includes a new purpose built carcass composting facility. Should the expansion works be completed, licence L7286/1998/10 will require amendment to include composting at the new facility.
- (b) Condition 5.1.4 of licence L7286/1998/10 requires GD Pork to implement a complaints management system that, as a minimum, records the number and details of complaints received regarding the environmental impact of the activities undertaken at the premises and any action taken in response to the complaint. During the last site inspection on 30 March 2015, DER officers reviewed the premises complaint reporting form and confirmed that it satisfies the requirements of the licence.
- (c) No
- (d) DER has initiated a formal odour field assessment (odour survey) to further investigate the reported odour emissions.
- (e) DER considers any application in its entirety, including operator competence, in deciding whether to grant or refuse to grant a works approval or licence.