

KARNET PRISON FARM — ABATTOIR MEAT INSPECTION SERVICES

3568. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to Tender DCS0232014 in relation to the Provision of Meat Inspection Services for the Karnet Prison Farm Abattoir, and in light of its current status — ‘No Offers Received’ - ask as at 17 February 2015:

- (a) are inspections currently being undertaken ante-mortem and post-mortem by an authorised officer;
- (b) if yes to (a) what is the name of the authorised officer or officers undertaking the inspections;
- (c) if no to (a) why not;
- (d) if no to (a) for how long have authorised ante- and post-mortem inspections not taken place;
- (e) will the tender be re-advertised and if so, when; and
- (f) what arrangements are in place for inspections by authorised officers until the tender is awarded and commences?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

- (a) Yes
- (b) Meat inspections are carried out by staff from the Department of Health.
- (c)–(d) Not Applicable
- (e) The tender will not be re-advertised at this time. The Department of Corrective Services is currently pursuing options for Meat Inspection Services to be provided by local shires, or by other agencies.
- (f) The Department of Health will continue to carry out inspections until an alternative provider is sourced by the Department. The Department of Health has not provided a cessation date for inspection services at Karnet Prison Farm.