

ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE — ERIC BALL

549. Hon DARREN WEST to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Was the minister aware of Mr Eric Ball's views about the RSPCA before he appointed him to his review panel?
- (2) Did Mr Ball or anyone else provide the minister with a copy of Mr Ball's report outlining his views on the RSPCA?
- (3) If yes to (2), on what date did it was provided; will the minister table a copy of it; and, if not, why not?
- (4) Will Mr Ball remain as chair of the minister's Animal Welfare Advisory Committee?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

- (1) Yes, I was aware of it during October 2014.
- (2) Yes, I received it in October 2014.
- (3) It was provided to me on 15 October 2014. I am not prepared to table this report without discussing it with Mr Ball.
- (4) Yes.