

ANIMAL RESOURCES CENTRE — OZGENE PTY LTD

244. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the Minister for Medical Research:

I refer to the website of the Animal Resources Centre, www.arc.wa.gov.au.

- (1) Can the minister advise why the website www.arc.wa.gov.au redirects to the private company Ozgene Pty Ltd, which offers custom genetically designed mice and rats for research purposes?
- (2) Can the minister advise why there is a contact number in the Cayman Islands on the www.arc.wa.gov.au website?
- (3) What is the nature of the ongoing relationship between Ozgene Pty Ltd and the WA government that allows the company to gain the benefit of a wa.gov.au domain?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

- (1) On 31 May, the Animal Resources Centre was transitioned from the Western Australian government to Ozgene ARC Pty Ltd to ensure the continued provision of critical services to the Western Australian research community.
- (2) Questions regarding Ozgene ARC's website content should be directed to Ozgene ARC.
- (3) The wa.gov.au link will remain in place until the repeal of the Animal Resources Authority Act 1981 is finalised.