

LIVE EXPORT — ANIMALS' ANGELS — FREMANTLE PORT AUTHORITY ACCESS

471. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to an article in the 31 May edition of *Farm Weekly* regarding the minister's decision to forward to the Minister for Transport a request from Animals' Angels to be allowed access to Fremantle port.

- (1) What is the status of this German-based animal activist group in Australia?
- (2) What due diligence was performed on the status of Animals' Angels regarding the capacity and qualifications of observers prior to them being given access to livestock export activities?
- (3) Are Animals' Angels observers paid employees or volunteers?
- (4) Has the minister received any complaints about Animals' Angels being given observer status?
- (5) To whom will Animals' Angels report on its observations?
- (6) How will Animals' Angels imagery be used, by whom and for what purpose?
- (7) Is the minister aware of media reports that in 2008 Animals' Angels took the commonwealth's department of agriculture to court for failing to suspend the licence of a Perth-based international livestock exporter?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) I have no particular knowledge of that organisation beyond the fact that it is an animal advocacy group.
- (2) The member should direct the question to the Minister for Transport because it involves the Fremantle Port Authority.
- (3) I am unaware whether Animals' Angels observers are paid employees or volunteers.
- (4) I have received a copy of a complaint sent to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development by the Pastoralists and Graziers Association.
- (5) Any complaints of cruelty in the export chain can be made to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.
- (6) I have no knowledge of how Animals' Angels will use the information.
- (7) I understand the claim is correct.