

ANIMAL ACTIVISM

**62. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Has the Premier or the government ruled out strengthening existing laws to protect primary producers, landholders and transport companies against the disturbing and potentially illegal behaviour of animal activists?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. Again, it is a reasonable question. I am not aware of any deficiencies in the law. There are penalties available, particularly for trespass. If people trespass on another person's property, I am advised that penalty is quite serious. I do not have the penalty to hand. I can probably provide the member with that advice. If there is a deficiency in the law, I am sure that the police and/or the Director of Public Prosecutions will bring it to the government's attention.