

CHEMICALS, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

**960. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

Will the minister please provide the following information -

- (1) What schemes does the state government currently provide funding to for the removal of group 2 rural chemicals?
- (2) Is the minister aware that the national initiative called Chemclear is seeking funding from the state government?
- (3) If yes to (2), why has funding not been approved to subsidise its services to collect and dispose of group 2 chemicals in Western Australia?
- (4) If the minister will not support the Chemclear initiative, will she please give details on what should be done with group 2 chemicals currently on rural properties?
- (5) Is the minister aware of how much dumping of group 2 chemicals currently takes place on Western Australian farms to avoid the high costs associated with authorised removal?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided this response, and I know the member will not be happy, but there is not much I can do about it.

Information is not available in the time required; therefore, I ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.