

DICHLORVOS, APPROVAL FOR USE

96. Mr J.L. Bradshaw to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the insecticide Dichlorvos has been withdrawn from use in the United Kingdom following advice from the Independent Advisory Committee on pesticides?
- (2) Why is Dichlorvos still approved to be used in Western Australia?
- (3) Does the Minister have any input into the banning of such chemicals?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. I am informed that some products containing dichlorvos registered for home use have been withdrawn in the UK as a precautionary measure.
2. The National Registration Authority (NRA) based in Canberra confirms that dichlorvos remains registered Australia-wide, however the pesticide is currently under review. I will wait for the completion of this review by the NRA.
3. Under the NRAs Existing Chemical Review Program, all stakeholders, including the West Australian Department of Health, are provided with the opportunity to provide comment on the chemical under review.