

DHARMIC PTY LTD — INVOICE YIH 0625

**671. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

- (1) Is the minister aware of the document purported to be invoice YIH 0625 from the Yunnan Industrial Hemp Company Inc of the People's Republic of China made out to Dharmic Pty Ltd?
- (2) Will the minister confirm that this document is on record at the WA Department of Agriculture and Food?
- (3) Did the Department of Agriculture and Food rely to any extent on this document in order to establish that Dharmic was legally entitled to import and use a particular variety of industrial hemp?
- (4) Is the minister aware of a Mandarin language letter and its certified English language translation from the Yunnan Industrial Hemp Company in which that company states that purported invoice YIH 0625 is a false document?

**Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) Yes.
- (3) The department did not establish that Dharmic was legally entitled to import and use a particular variety of industrial hemp. The department considered this document, and other documents and information, when determining what, if any, steps it or the registrar should take under the Industrial Hemp Act 2004, and also in referring a person who raised concern about these matters to other appropriate authorities.
- (4) Yes.