

AGENT ORANGE USE — KIMBERLEY — CYRIL HUNTER

4280. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the use of Agent Orange in the Kimberley and the death of Mr Cyril Hunter:

- (a) have the Department's made contact with Mr Hunter's mother Lucy Marshall;
- (b) if yes to (a) what are the dates of contact or correspondence;
- (c) have the Department's ever received contact or correspondence from Lucy Marshall;
- (d) if yes to what are the dates of contact;
- (e) are the Ministers aware that parts of Mr Hunter's body are being held in Perth.;
- (f) are the Ministers aware that testing has been conducted on Mr Hunter's remains;
- (g) will the Ministers table any reports or test findings that have been recorded in relation to the tests conducted on Mr Hunter's remains;
- (h) if no to (g) why not; and
- (i) when will test results be provided to Lucy Marshall as to the cause of and including possible reasons of Mr Hunters death?

Dr K.D. Hames replied:

I am advised by the Department of Health that Agent Orange was never used in the Kimberley.

- (a) An extensive search of electronic and manual departmental records has not found any correspondence from the Department of Health to Lucy Marshall.
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) An extensive search of electronic and manual departmental records has not found any correspondence from Lucy Marshall to the Department of Health.
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) Yes, tissue samples were taken as part of the WA State Coroner's investigation of this case.
- (f) No, no testing facility has been identified that can do these tests.
- (g) Refer to response to question (f)
- (h)–(i) Not applicable