

GOUNDREY WINES, CALM'S PROSECUTION GUIDELINES

**352. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment:**

I refer to the Department of Conservation and Land Management's prosecution policy guidelines tabled last week.

- (1) Which of the factors listed from (a) to (p) were taken into account when the decision was taken to withdraw the illegal land clearing charges against Goundrey Wines Pty Ltd chief Ted Avery?
- (2) Did Goundrey Wines give a commitment to the Department of Conservation and Land Management prior to the withdrawal of those charges that it would allocate funding to the regeneration of the road verge?
- (3) If so, how much money did the winery commit to spend and has any of that money been spent to date?

**Mrs EDWARDES** replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) All of the prosecution guidelines were taken into account in making the decision. In my response last week I referred to the prosecution guidelines of the Director of Public Prosecutions, which are very similar, and identified a couple of the areas dealing with the public interest. The company gave a commitment to maintain the road reserve vegetation and made other planting commitments, as I understand it, prior to the withdrawal of the charges.