

**SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)**

*Interim Report — “Select Committee into the Operations of the Royal Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc) — Extension of Time” — Motion*

HON RICK MAZZA (Agricultural) [1.04 pm]: I am directed to present an interim report of the Select Committee into the Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc).

[See paper 3928.]

Hon RICK MAZZA: On 13 May 2015, the Legislative Council ordered that a select committee be established to inquire into the operations of the Western Australian Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, including an examination of its funding from the government, its objectives and the use of its powers. The committee was ordered to report to the Legislative Council by no later than Thursday, 3 December 2015. On 15 October 2015, the committee was granted leave by the Legislative Council to extend the date by which the committee is to report on the inquiry from 3 December 2015 to 6 April 2016.

The committee has sought and received submissions and further evidence, and conducted a number of hearings throughout the inquiry. Written evidence was received as late as this week. The committee has held frequent meetings to progress the inquiry and its consideration of the draft report. A short further extension is requested to enable the committee to consider relevant matters to comply with the Legislative Council standing orders and principles of natural justice prior to tabling its report and to properly discharge its reporting obligations to the Legislative Council. The committee therefore requests an extension of time in which to report from 6 April 2016 to no later than Thursday, 19 May 2016.

HON RICK MAZZA (Agricultural) [1.07 pm] — without notice: I move —

That the reporting date for the select committee’s inquiry into the operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc) be extended from 6 April 2016 to no later than 19 May 2016.

The PRESIDENT: In accordance with standing order 190(2), I adjourn that debate until a later stage of this day’s sitting. I am just going by the standing orders; if there is a motion to do something contrary to that, I will consider it.

On motion by **Hon Peter Collier**, resolved —

That the motion be adjourned until the next day’s sitting.