

DICHLORVOS, USE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1748. Mr 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- (1) Is the Minister aware that the insecticide Dichlorvos has been withdrawn from use in the United Kingdom following advice from the Independent Advisory Committee on Pesticides?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) Is Dichlorvos approved to be used in Western Australia?
- (3) If 'yes' to (2), does the Minister intend to withdraw Dichlorvos from the market in Western Australia?

Mr KUCERA replied:

1. I am aware that some products containing dichlorvos registered for home use have been withdrawn in the UK as a precautionary measure.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. This review will examine all available data, including that obtained from the UK. This is unlikely to be completed before the end of this year.
3. Registration of pesticides occurs nationally, and I will wait for the completion of this review by the NRA.