

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT — REVIEW

446. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the ministerial statement made yesterday, 8 May, about the animal welfare review panel.

- (1) What was the process and criteria for the selection of the panel?
- (2) Considering the minister's desire to achieve gender diversity quotas in biosecurity management positions, why is only one man on this five-member panel?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

- (1)–(2) I am afraid that the member is showing his lack of exposure to diversity in the community, because he is obviously of the view that Dr Dominique Blache is a female. I assure the member that Dr Dominique Blache is actually a male.