

DHARMIC PTY LTD — INVOICE YIH 0625

767. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to questions 671 and 700 regarding Dharmic Pty Ltd.

- (1) Is the minister aware that the police department has approached the Department of Agriculture and Food regarding conducting an investigation into the false document allegations surrounding Dharmic Pty Ltd invoice YIH 0625; and, if so, on what date did he become aware?
- (2) Is the minister aware that the Department of Agriculture and Food chose not to cooperate with a police request to have the matter referred to the major fraud squad to allow a thorough investigation of this longstanding allegation?
- (3) Does the minister agree with the department's decision in relation to this matter?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The minister was advised on 13 September 2010.
- (2) The Department of Agriculture and Food was contacted by the major fraud squad and undertook to fully cooperate with any investigation.
- (3) Yes.