

ANIMAL WELFARE — POLICE DATABASE

**949. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the minister's comments in 2009 that a police database of people who were violent towards animals was a necessity.

- (1) Has the minister had discussions with the Commissioner of Police about the creation of the database of any individuals convicted of serious offences against animals?
- (2) Has the minister had discussions with either the Attorney General or the Minister for Local Government about increasing the penalties for abusing an animal?
- (3) If no to (1) and (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (1) and (2), what is the outcome of those discussions and what progress has been made on these matters?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The minister is satisfied that existing arrangements across agencies are adequate.