

- (1) Did the minister, parliamentary secretary, ministerial officer or other person acting on behalf of the minister or any Department of Health officer with responsibility for preparing the policy of the Bill meet with any manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of hydroponic equipment or supplies to -
 - (a) inquire into the size, nature and operations of the sector; or
 - (b) examine the possible impacts upon manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers of proposed new provisions of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1981, including proposed section 7A?
- (2) If so, when and where were those meetings held and who attended?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) Ms Vicki Stewart, the director of legal and legislative services of the Department of Health, and Mr Wayne Salvage, the principal policy officer in legal and legislative services, met with Mr Grant Mahy of the Western Australian Hydroponics Association on 6 May 2003 to discuss clause 28 of the Bill. The meeting took place at the Department of Health building.

SWAN VALLEY NYUNGAH COMMUNITY FAMILIES, NUMBER AT HENLEY BROOK CAMP

1019. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Minister for Housing and Works:

I preface my question by singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah."

Hon Tom Stephens: Would you like me to join in the refrain?

The PRESIDENT: Order! I am already regretting my decision to give Hon Derrick Tomlinson the call.

Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON: I ask -

- (1) How many of the families from the former Swan Valley Nyungah Community are now housed at the Saunders Street, Henley Brook camp?
- (2) What arrangements is the Department of Housing and Works making for the long-term accommodation of those families?
- (3) Has the Department of Housing and Works, in collaboration with other government agencies, put in place any measures to prevent the recurrence of matters that caused the Government to take action with the Swan Valley Nyungah Community?
- (4) What action will be taken when those people are relocated in other accommodation?
- (5) Is the Department of Housing and Works the source of the information that caused the member for Swan Hills to advise local residents that only one adult and 10 children were relocated to Saunders Street?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

If Hon Peter Wells, whom we used to call "War Cry", had been here, no doubt he would have been able to play the tambourine while the member was singing his question.

- (1)-(5) The member has asked a detailed question. I will make further inquiries of my department to provide a detailed response. However, I provide a response to an aspect of the question that I think the member will find helpful. A great aspect emerging from the Government's response to the Gordon inquiry in reference to the Swan Valley group of Aboriginal people and the wider Aboriginal community of the metropolitan area and remote and regional Western Australia is that it has triggered a collaborative response by a range of government agencies to lift their collective game in delivering programs to support children at risk, women at risk and Aboriginal families who seek support to respond to the challenges they collectively face. That will be the best aspect of the entire sorry saga on display throughout the Gordon inquiry. The response has included the substantial injection of \$75 million of taxpayers' funds into post-Gordon inquiry initiatives that will result in a collaboration of agencies in the Swan Valley area and, more comprehensively, throughout the metropolitan area. This money will be put to great use, not only in government agencies' work in dealing with the Aboriginal community, but also more widely in recognition that there is only one game in town in this area - that is, collaborate, cooperate and work inside the Government's framework.

The PRESIDENT: Will the minister be referring to the question?

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I am providing an answer to part (3) of the question.

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: When will you do something about the former residents of the Swan Valley Nyungah Community?

The PRESIDENT: There is no provision for supplementary questions.

Hon Peter Foss: When will he get to the question?

The PRESIDENT: The minister is not to answer the supplementary.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I will move past my answer to question (3) to deal with the specifics.

I understand that the Department of Housing and Works has no direct engagement in one of those areas to which the member referred; that is, it is not the agency's specific area of responsibility. It has not been drawn to my attention that it is the case.

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: I think you need to get yourself advised before you proceed with the answer.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I will.

Hon Peter Foss: It's worrying that you don't know already.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: No.

Hon Simon O'Brien: We have limited time for questions, and you're using it up.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: The member should tell his colleague to stop asking such good questions that require such fine and detailed answers.

Hon Simon O'Brien interjected.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: The member is getting an answer; it just happens to be an answer he does not like.

Several members interjected.

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I will check. If I must come back tomorrow or the day after and do a mea culpa, I will find the appropriate Gregorian chant to accompany it.

HILLARYS BOAT HARBOUR, DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES BUILDING

1020. Hon GEORGE CASH to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

I refer the minister to his letter in the *Wanneroo Times* of 10 June regarding the Hillarys marina and the impact of the proposed Department of Fisheries building.

- (1) Will the minister indicate the amount of boat trailer parking space to be lost as a result of the development, particularly during off-peak times?
- (2) Will the minister indicate how many car park spaces in the northern car park will be lost to the community due to staff needs?
- (3) Will the planned introduction of timed parking in the southern car park still proceed?
- (4) What will happen to groups such as the sea scouts that currently use the facilities in the northern car park area?
- (5) Will the minister explain why his letter did not mention the negative aspects of the development to the 100 000-plus recreational users and families who enjoy the use of the marina?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon George Cash for some notice of the question. Like the question answered by Hon Tom Stephens, this question included an unspoken endorsement of the Government's great support for the member's electorate. I thank the member for drawing attention to it.

- (1) A total of 243 public boat trailer bays will result from the Department of Fisheries development. This allocation of bays was set by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, and although it is fewer than the 285 boat trailer bays currently at Hillarys Boat Harbour, it apparently will more than cater for the maximum demand that can be generated by the boat ramps at Hillarys. The short answer to the question should have been 42.
- (2) Nil. In fact, an additional 140 public car parking bays will be created as part of the fisheries development. Although fisheries staff as well as the public will have access to the bays on weekdays in off-peak periods, no bays will be occupied by fisheries staff in the peak periods that occur on weekends and public holidays. This is a condition of the development approval.
- (3) I understand from the minister responsible that timed parking was trialled over last summer in the southern precinct of the Hillarys Boat Harbour. A decision on future timed parking has not yet been made; however, the trialling of this initiative is not related to the new fisheries development.
- (4) There will be no adverse effects to groups such as the sea scouts as the additional hard stand areas of the public car park will more than cater for current users. As part of the development approval, the Department of