

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS - PHASE-OUT OF USE OF HIGHLY SOLUBLE PHOSPHATE
FERTILISERS

2152. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Has the Minister received the outcomes from the working group investigation which was established on the phase-out of highly soluble phosphate fertilisers from environmentally sensitive areas?
 - (a) If not, why not; and
 - (b) If so, will a copy of the outcomes be tabled with the response?
- (2) As suggested by the previous Minister for Environment, is a stakeholder symposium still planned to be held?
 - (a) If so, what stakeholder groups will be invited to attend; and
 - (b) when and where is the symposium to be held?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) Yes
 - (a) Not applicable
 - (b) Yes[See paper 2684.]
- (2) Yes
 - (a) User groups; producers, importers and distributors; government and peak bodies.
 - (b) While the exact date is yet to be set, the symposium will be held in about June-July 2007. The location is yet to be determined.