

PHASE-OUT OF USE OF HIGHLY WATER-SOLUBLE PHOSPHOROUS FERTILISERS

2936. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

With respect to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 2704, given on 19 September 2007, can the Minister confirm:

- (a) has the Department of Environment and Conservation reported the results of the symposiums held to phase-out highly soluble phosphate fertilisers from environmentally sensitive areas to the Minister; and
 - (i) if not, when does the Minister expect to receive the results;
- (b) when will a copy of the results be available to the Member for Capel; and
- (c) when does the Minister expect to make an announcement on the results and actions which are now required to phase-out the use of highly soluble phosphate fertilisers from environmentally sensitive areas by 2011?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) A final copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Capel and the public via the Department for Environment's website, once an announcement is made on the next phase of the Fertiliser Action Plan.
- (c) I intend to make an announcement on the next phase of actions in the next few months.