

*AL KUWAIT*, INVESTIGATION

**179. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:**

I refer to complaints made under the Animal Welfare Act 2002 to the police about the loading of sheep onto the livestock ship *Al Kuwait*.

- (1) Have the police advised the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that it is the investigating body in this matter?
- (2) Will the RSPCA have access to the State Solicitor's Office to assist it in this investigation?
- (3) Will the Government support the RSPCA in this investigation by underwriting the cost of this test case?

**Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has provided the following response -

- (1) The Western Australia Police Service advises that it has notified the RSPCA that it is the investigating body.
- (2)-(3) These questions should be referred to the Attorney General.