

SCHOOL PREMISES, USE OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES

568. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education

- (1) What pesticides and herbicides does the Education Department permit to be used around schools?
- (2) What quantities of each herbicide and pesticide have been used around school premises for each of the last four years?
- (3) Has the Department investigated alternatives to the use of each of the chemicals?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

- (1) The only chemicals approved for use by school gardeners are as follows:

Fungicide

Mancozeb (Dithane M45)	S5	150gms
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Herbicides

Jo-Jo Onehunga Weedkiller (Bromoxynil + M.C.P.A.)	S6	200mls
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Glyphosate 360	S5	1000mls
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Insecticide

Malathion (Maldison)	S6	500mls
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Baysol (Methiocarb)	S5	250gms
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Ant Dust (Diazinon)	S6	500gms
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Where pest or disease issues are beyond the capacity of the gardener, a licensed pesticide operator is engaged. The Department of Health's Environmental Health Branch and the licence classification of the operator, determine the nature of the chemicals that may be used.

Each school is provided with 'Guidelines for Pesticide Use in Schools and School Grounds' which has been produced by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health and the Department of Education.

- (2) This information is not available.
- (3) No.