

WA MEAT INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES

27. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Agriculture

- (1) Has the Meat Industry Authority (MIA) ever used an area in Stirling Crescent, Bushmead to dispose of carcasses of cattle or sheep or pigs?
- (2) If yes, over what period of time was this area used to dispose of animal carcasses and approximately how many carcasses were disposed of there?
- (3) Were diseased animals disposed of at this site?
- (4) What protective measures were taken to ensure protection of public health and the environment?
- (5) If the location is not used any longer where does the MIA now dispose of animal carcasses?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

1. Yes
2. The WA Meat Industry Authority has been responsible for the management of Midland Saleyard since 1994. Authority records show that between August 1997 and April 2001, 133 cattle and 3 pigs were buried on the Stirling Crescent site
3. To the best knowledge of the Authority no animals with any reportable disease were buried on this site.
4. The area used has a large buffer zone and all animals were buried. Monitoring bores are established in the area and regular ground water testing is carried out. No problems have been detected.
5. The Authority now disposes of carcasses to either the Tallomans rendering plant at Hazelmere or the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council Disposal site at Red Hill.