

ABATTOIR, HARVEY, ODOUR COMPLAINS

38. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the DEP received complaints from the public about odours from the EG Green & Sons abattoir at Harvey?
 - (2) If yes, how many complaints were made in -
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000; and
 - (c) so far for 2001?
 - (3) On what dates has the DEP attended the site to monitor odour levels?
 - (4) What is the cause of the odours?
 - (5) Has the EG Green & Sons abattoir breached any license conditions in regard to the emission of odours?
 - (6) If yes, which license conditions?
 - (7) Will the Minister table a copy of the license conditions concerning EG Green & Sons abattoir at Harvey?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2)
 - (a) 9 (6 complainants)
 - (b) 18 (5 complainants)
 - (c) 26 (5 complainants)
- (3) In 2001, DEP officers conducted two site odour monitoring visits (3 January and 1 February). Some complaints were brought to the attention of the DEP after the event, so these could not be substantiated. Further, EG Greens have confirmed other odour episodes, and the Shire of Harvey, in response to requests from the DEP has confirmed six odour events (27, 28, 30 March, 2, 3, 23 April). In addition, in the last six months, officers from the DEP have undertaken unannounced odour monitoring around the EG Greens site on at least six occasions.
- (4) Rendering operations are the major source of odour complaints. Malodour is also derived from composting operations and the wastewater treatment ponds. To address the odour issue, EG Greens are currently constructing a \$1 million (approx) odour control facility on the rendering plant, designed to substantially reduce the level of odour from the plant. This facility is projected to be operational within 3 months.
- (5) No breaches are known.
- (6) N/A (see (5))
- (7) Yes, I seek leave to table a copy of the licence. [See paper No 402.]