

GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION, 900 ROCKINGHAM ROAD, HENDERSON

**1398. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

- (1) Has the Minister for the Environment and/or the Department of Environmental Protection been made aware of ground water hydrocarbon contamination at 900 Rockingham Road, Henderson?
- (2) Can the minister provide details of the nature, extent and source of the contamination?
- (3) Did the contamination emanate from an adjoining licensed landfill site?
- (4) Has the Department of Environmental Protection been notified that a number of animals, including dogs and sheep, that drank the water at 900 Rockingham Road, Henderson, became ill and died in recent months?
- (5) Will the minister ensure that the Department of Environmental Protection immediately implements a ground water sampling regime at 900 Rockingham Road, Henderson, to characterise the ground water contamination and to establish the extent of the threat to the environment and human health?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection is not aware of any ground water hydrocarbon contamination at 900 Rockingham Road, Henderson. It is noted that the written question refers to lot 900, not 900, Rockingham Road.
- (2)-(3) Not applicable.
- (4) The occupier of 900 Rockingham Road has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection to advise that her pets have become ill, and on some occasions have died as a result of drinking the ground water.
- (5) As current monitoring results from the property do not indicate any ground water contamination issues, the department does not believe at this stage that there is any need to implement a ground water sampling regime.