

LIVESTOCK SHIP *AL KUWAIT*, COMPLAINT TO POLICE UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2002

432. Hon JIM SCOTT to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development:

Further to my question without notice to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services of 2 April 2004, who asked that I refer the question to the Attorney General, and further to my question without notice to the Attorney General of 2 June, when I was asked to refer this question to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development, my question relates to the complaint made to the police under the Animal Welfare Act 2002 about the loading of sheep onto the livestock ship *Al Kuwait*.

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

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I have more disappointment for Hon Jim Scott, because I do not have his question in my file.