

JAMES POINT PROPOSED LIVE SHEEP EXPORT FACILITY, ODOUR MODELLING

339. Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:

I refer to the proposed live sheep export facility at James Point.

- (1) What odour modelling has been undertaken by the Department of Environmental Protection to determine the impacts on the Cockburn area?
- (2) Did the odour modelling indicate any unacceptable impacts on residential areas?
- (3) Will a DEP officer be stationed at the James Point facility to conduct dynamic olfactory monitoring during the loading operations?
- (4) If not, why not?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1)-(4) The Environmental Protection Authority is currently assessing a proposal for a private port at James Point which would include live sheep exports but no holding facilities. As part of this assessment, the proponent has undertaken odour modelling. The Environmental Protection Authority is expected to report on this proposal later this year. In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage will then consider any appeals against the EPA's report and decide whether the proposal should be allowed to proceed and, if so, the conditions that would apply, including any related to odour management.

The EPA is also assessing a separate proposal for a livestock holding facility at James Point but needs further information from the proponent before it can complete its assessment of that project.