

ABATTOIR, E.G. GREEN AND SONS, HARVEY

147. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Further to Question on Notice 38 of May 24 2001 where it was reported that a total of 53 complaints had been received by the DEP in relation to odours from EG Green abattoir in Harvey -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the EG Green operating licence condition on odour states that ‘...odours emanating from the premises do not unreasonably interfere with the health, welfare, convenience, comfort or amenity of any person at an odour sensitive premises’?
- (2) Do the complaints that were made and reported in Question on Notice 38 of May 24 2001 fit within this definition?
- (3) If yes, can the Minister explain why it is stated that no breaches were known to have occurred in relation to odours?
- (4) If not, will the Minister table a copy of the complaints that were registered with the department?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The reference to odour is with the Preamble of the licence. The Preamble provides background information to the licensee (and other interested parties). As it paraphrases sections of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and other Acts and Regulations, it is not part of the conditions of licence.
- (2) Yes
- (3) As odour complaints do not breach a condition of licence, then no breaches of licence conditions relating to odour occurred.
- (4) The Minister has already tabled the complaints in the answer to question 7, Question on Notice 38.