

AGRICULTURE, CHEMICAL USE AND SPRAY DRIFT, LEGISLATION

2088. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry

There has been great concern by members of the aquaculture, fisheries and agriculture industries regarding the regulation of spray drift, and the potential dangers associated with the practice, I now ask -

- (1) Are you progressing a bill to regulate agri-chemical use and spray drift?
- (2) If so, at what stage is this legislation?
- (3) Which Minister will have final carriage of this legislation?
- (4) Will there be a plan to implement a one-stop shop for incident reporting and investigation into issues regarding human health, environmental harm and stock or crop damage?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

Department of Agriculture

- (1) Yes
- (2) The Bill is being drafted, with the intention of introducing the Bill during the 2005 Spring Session.
- (3) Agriculture
- (4) At this stage, this is not intended. Relevant departments continue to work closely via the Pesticide Advisory Committee to optimise such arrangements.