

ABATTOIR, HARVEY, ODOUR COMPLAINTS

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

In relation to odour complaints received by the DEP over odour emissions from the EG Green & Sons abattoir at Harvey -

- (1) Has the DEP requested that EG Green & Sons take action to reduce odours emanating from the Harvey abattoir?
- (2) If yes, what action has the DEP required the abattoir take to resolve the odour problem being experienced by people in the area?
- (3) If not, why not?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The DEP has used its complaint response and enforcement procedures to encourage EG Greens to improve odour control and management at the abattoir. Recent actions include:

EG Green is in the process of constructing a \$1 million odour control facility at the rendering plant, designed to substantially reduce the level of odour emissions. Commissioning of the new facility is planned for August 2001.

Diversion of by-products offsite, during times of plant failure when this material would be odorous if rendered after the repairs have been completed.

Cessation of onsite composting and removal of this material offsite, with a view to constructing a new composting facility offsite.

EG Green directing fatty wastewater to the anaerobic pond to enhance crust formation, which will assist in both odour reduction as well as improved wastewater treatment.

EG Green engaging a consultant to investigate improving the performance of the facultative and aerobic wastewater treatment ponds.
- (3) n/a.