

THE STABLE FLY ACTION GROUP INC (SFAG)

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PREMIER COMMITS TO TOTAL BAN ON USE OF RAW POULTRY MANURE IN IRRIGATED HORTICULTURE FROM SEPTEMBER 2011

On Friday 5 February 2010, the Premier of Western Australia, Hon Colin Barnett MLA, attended a Sundowner at the Granville Community Centre, Gingin, which was organized by the Gingin Branch of the Liberal Party.

The Sundowner was well attended by members of the community, including the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary of the Stable Fly Action Group Inc (SFAG).

After a short address, the Premier responded to questions from the floor on a wide variety of issues of concern.

SFAG Chairman Bob Wilson presented the first of two Questions on Notice, which had been forwarded to the Premiers Office earlier on 4 February.

Q1 Will the Premier guarantee that the September 2011 total ban on the use of raw poultry manure in horticulture will be implemented on time, as promised by the current Minister for Agriculture on 21 April 2009?

The Premier responded that :

- The 2011 ban on the use of raw poultry manure in irrigated horticulture will take place on time (September 2011), and
- Should any difficulty, or delay, arise regarding which government department is responsible for the implementation of the total ban and subsequent upgrading of the Regulations, the State Government will draft a new Act of Parliament to deal with the implementation of the ban and the upgrading of the Regulations

The SFAGs second Question on Notice to the Premier reads –

Q2 Will the Premier, as a matter of urgency, commit to putting in place substantially increased penalties for fly breeding within the existing Poultry Manure and Fly Breeding Regulations that will be sufficient to deter offenders?

The SFAG has written to the Premier regarding Question 2 and awaits his response.

