

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

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**Thursday, 24 March 2011**


3771. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health.

I refer to Question on Notice 2411, and the Minister's advice that he was investigating an amendment to the Health (Poultry Manure) Regulations 2001 in order to implement the ban on the use of raw poultry manure, and I ask -

- (1) Has an amendment been drafted?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1),
  - (a) when do you anticipate it will come into force;
  - (b) please table a copy of the amendment; and
  - (c) if no to 3(b), why not?

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**Answer**

- (1) Yes.
  - (2) Not applicable.
  - (3)(a) The amendment will be gazetted in May 2011 and commence operation in September 2011, in line with the Government's commitment.
  - (b - c) The draft is not yet finalised by Parliamentary Counsel Office and cannot be provided.
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3770. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health.

I refer to the Government's intention to introduce a new Western Australian public health bill to replace the Health Act 1911, and ask -

- (1) Will the implementation of the ban of the use of raw poultry manure remain the responsibility of the Department of Health under the new Act?
- (2) Will the Act contain other provisions that address the issue of fly breeding?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), would the Minister please provide detail on these provisions?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

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**Answer**

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) No.

(5) The precise wording of the new act has not been finalised in this regard. However, it will ensure that the issue of breeding of insects and other nuisances that impact on public health will be addressed.

