

## **Agricultural spraying practices – 28 Oct 2010**

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:55): My question is to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. What is the state—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Industry, be quiet.

Mr PEDERICK: I think that we should just crush your car, Tom.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Minister, I warn you. I warn the Minister for Industry.

Mr PEDERICK: We will just crush your car. You are an idiot.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Can the member for Hammond have the respect of the place, please, to ask his question.

Mr PEDERICK: Thank you. What is the state government's position on additional restrictions to agricultural spraying practices currently being considered by the Agricultural Pesticide and Veterinarian Medicines Authority? In a letter sent to the minister and South Australian country members of parliament (state and federal), the Crop Science Society of South Australia Incorporated, a non-political organisation interested in the science and technology of agriculture, has expressed its concern that some of the proposed restrictions are unnecessary and will severely impact on the efficiency and productivity of Australian agriculture.

The Hon. M.F. O'BRIEN (Napier—Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for the Northern Suburbs) (14:56): I thank the member for Hammond for the question, and particularly the explanation. I will return with a—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. M.F. O'BRIEN: Madam Speaker, I am not the best, it is just in comparison to the member for Hammond that I actually look this way.

The SPEAKER: And, of course, you are a product of Whyalla High School, minister.

Response provided by minister to be presented in Parliament. See below.

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In reply to: Adrian Pederick MP (28 October 2010)

**The Hon. M.F. O'BRIEN:**

"The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority is responsible for setting the conditions of use for agricultural sprays. In 2008 it finalised Operating Principles in Relation to Spray Drift Risk in order to improve the advice provided on product labels to farmers on how to minimise spray drift beyond the land to be sprayed. The application of these principles is to be science based and recognise new improved chemical application technologies. I am advised that research and discussions are ongoing in this complex area. Having said that, the Government supports the provision of better advice on product labels to farmers that reduces the risks of spray drift to protect human health, the environment and trade."



**Hon Michael O'Brien MP**  
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