




Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

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MOTION

Referral to the Agriculture and Environment Committee

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.13 am) by leave, without notice: I move—

That the Agriculture and Environment Committee inquire into the Hendra virus (HeV) EquiVacc® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland, including the potential efficiency and effectiveness of options to mitigate the risk of infection with HeV and its consequences.

In undertaking this inquiry, the committee should consider:

1. the development, trials and approval processes; the incidence and impact of adverse reactions by horses following vaccination and the reporting of adverse reactions and economic impacts of the HeV EquiVacc® vaccine;
2. who bears the risks of HeV infection and who incurs the costs and receives the benefits from each risk mitigation option;
3. whether the guidelines/procedures required for veterinarians attending horses that are not vaccinated against HeV are proportionate to the consequences;
4. impacts on the equine industry and the economy arising from veterinarians applying a policy not to treat unvaccinated horses; and
5. the impact of Workplace Health and Safety actions on the decision by veterinarians not to attend unvaccinated horses and results of previous Workplace Health and Safety HeV investigations where there have been human infections.

That the committee invite public submissions, consult with the community and key stakeholders, including the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, and report to the Legislative Assembly by 22 August 2016.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.