

- A code of practice be documented and agreed to by packers and growers and training on this code of practice delivered to industry;

- A funding mechanism for the SA Dried Tree Fruits Association be secured;

- Dried fruits research and development secured through links with Horticulture Australia;

- Other industry development, information and support functions be developed and delivered by the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association.

The process requested by industry to put these alternative functions in place has been completed and repeal of the Dried Fruits Act can progress. Aside from providing for repeal of the Dried Fruits Act, this bill provides a mechanism for the minister to transfer residual funds of the Dried Fruits Board to the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association, the main organisation servicing South Australia's dried fruit industry.

To ensure that the residual funds provided to the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association are used for industry development purposes, an agreement will be developed between the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association and the minister. This agreement will require a strategic plan indicating key activity areas in which the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association will be using its funding in the three years to 30 June 2006. Annual reports from the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association for the years 2003-04 to 2005-06 inclusively, indicating key industry development activities and expenditure and any conditions specified by the minister requiring the association to implement the strategic plan. I seek leave to incorporate the explanation of the clauses into *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

#### Explanation of Clauses

##### Part 1—Preliminary

##### Clause 1: Short title

##### Clause 2: Commencement

These clauses are formal.

##### Part 2—Repeal of Dried Fruits Act 1993

##### Clause 3: Repeal of Act

This clause provides for the repeal of the Dried Fruits Act 1993

##### Part 3—Transfer of property

##### Clause 4: Vesting of Board's property in the Minister

This clause vests the property of the Dried Fruits Board (South Australia), which was established under the Dried Fruits Act 1993, in the Minister.

##### Clause 5: Transfer of property to the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association Incorporated

Under this clause, the Minister is empowered to transfer the property vested in him or her under clause 4 to the South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association Incorporated. The clause makes it a condition of such a transfer that the Association enter into an agreement with the Minister containing terms and conditions required by the Minister including—

- (a) a condition requiring the Association to provide the Minister with a strategic plan, in a form satisfactory to the Minister, detailing its activities and expenditure to develop the dried tree fruits industry in South Australia for the period to 30 June 2006; and

- (b) a condition requiring the Association to implement the strategic plan; and

- (c) a condition requiring the Association to provide the Minister, on or before 30 September in each year up to and including 2006, with an annual report on the work of the Association for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June.

**The Hon. R.D. LAWSON** secured the adjournment of the debate.

## DRIED FRUITS REPEAL BILL

**The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY** (Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to repeal the Dried Fruits Act 1993. Read a first time.

**The Hon. P. HOLLOWAY:** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The Dried Fruits Act has been central to the organisation of production and marketing of dried fruit in South Australia for more than 70 years. A review process to ensure that the Dried Fruits Act complied with the national competition policy requirements commenced in 1999 and has now been completed, with alternative methods of delivering functions of the Dried Fruits Act being put in place.

This review of the Dried Fruits Act included a national competition policy review and green and white paper public consultation processes, to obtain opinion from dried fruit growers, packers, major users of dried fruits, the South Australian Dried Fruits Board and the general public. In addition, a final review of the outlook for the dried tree fruits industry was undertaken in November 2002.

The South Australian Dried Tree Fruits Association and the South Australian Dried Fruits Board identified the following key functions that needed to be put in place before the Dried Fruits Act and its regulations were repealed:

- Food safety legislation for packers and their premises;
- An approved supplier program for delivery of quality assured product to packing sheds by growers;