

Changes by the Department

10. According to ^{the document} ~~secret document~~ acquired through a Senate order, Mr Philip Moss provided a copy of the draft report to Mr Lionel Riley (Assistant Secretary, Agriculture and Water Resources) on 17 September 2018. That version began with the following paragraph:

“The Department has failed as the regulator through the combination of several factors including the

- departure of experienced staff members (some of who predicted the disasters)
- deregulation policy
- disbandment of the Animal Welfare Branch
- focus on animal mortality, not animal welfare, therefore reading reports which did not reach the 2% mortality rate” [See Page 35 of the return to order]

This disappeared from the final version ten days later when it was published.

Did the Department ever ask Mr Moss to remove this section?

- a. Are you aware why that fairly crucial section was changed?