Longford - Proposed Truck Refuelling Depot Site – Herbicides

Ms BUTLER question to MINISTER for INFRASTRUCTURE

This constituent question is from the people of Longford. Last week about 100 rose bushes along Tannery Road, South Longford, were poisoned with what appears to be a herbicide. The Bicentennial Rose Garden is exactly placed where consideration for a bypass lane has been discussed between State Growth and the developers of the proposed Lowes BP large truck refuelling depot. Whilst the people of Longford are not making any accusations regarding who was responsible, they do find it a remarkable coincidence that the rose garden, which formed a major part of their opposition to the proposed development, has been destroyed. As a memorial garden, the rose garden is on crown land and under the control of State Growth.

Could you reassure the Longford community that State Growth has no information about the poisoning and did not sanction what the group considered to be environmental vandalism? As State Growth has ownership of the said verge garden, could State Growth confirm that it will report the poisoning of the roses to Tasmania Police for investigation?