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Senator Glenn Sterle Chair Senate Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sterle

On 25 May 2023 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Estimates hearing.

During the hearing Senator Canavan said in relation to live export shipments from Fremantle

"Can you provide some figures on how many cattle go on sheep voyages? We discussed this a bit earlier. I wonder if you have some separate figures."

In response I said

"Out of the port of Fremantle, seven per cent of live export ships have been sheep only. Thirty-two per cent have been a mix of sheep and cattle. Sixty per cent have been cattle only. If we bring that to the Middle East, out of Fremantle, 25 per cent have been sheep only and 75 per cent have had sheep and cattle."

I wish to correct this answer. Of the voyages from Fremantle to the Middle East, including Israel, 18% were sheep only, and 51% had both sheep and cattle on board. The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the hearing, is correct.

In addition, during the hearing Senator Canavan said in relation to meetings between the LiveCorp Board and Secretary Metcalfe

"When did these discussions happen?"

In response I said

"We had one this year and one last year, I think."

I wish to correct this answer. The LiveCorp Board has had two meetings this year with Secretary Metcalfe, on 7 February and 21 April. The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the hearing, is correct.

In addition, during the hearing the Chair said in relation to restrictions on shipping sheep during the northern hemisphere summer

"And when did the government ban come in because of the heat stress?"

In response I said

"The industry-led ban was started in 2020."

I wish to correct this answer. The industry self-imposed a moratorium in 2019, which was later enforced through regulation. The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the hearing, is correct.

I apologise for the errors in my answers and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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