



RRAT Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2023-24  
Tuesday, 24 October 2023  
Daily Summary

The committee met from **9:00am until 11.05pm**.

The committee called the following departments and agencies: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority; Inspector-General of Biosecurity; Plant Health Australia; Australian Fisheries Management Authority; Fisheries Research and Development Corporation; Dairy Australia; Australian Wool Innovation; Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (AgriFutures Australia); Regional Investment Corporation; Meat and Livestock Australia; The Australian Live Export Corporation (LiveCorp).

The committee released the following agencies:

- Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports;
- Australian Meat Processor Corporation; and
- Animal Health Australia.

**Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry:**

Corporate Matters

- Capability review report;
- New departmental secretary's previous experience;
- National Farmers' Federation survey;
- Fair Work Legislation Amendment Bill;
- Renewable energy infrastructure on agricultural land;
- Staffing demographics;
- Bullying and harassment complaints;
- Electricity prices;
- Rabobank agriculture survey; and
- ICT updates and fees.

Outcome 1

- Livestock prices;
- AUS/UK Free trade agreement and the establishment of a joint working group on animal welfare;
- Statutory funding agreements for RDC's;
- Middle Eastern sheep meat market;
- EU deforestation regulation;
- Regional Forestry Agreements;
- Plantation forests and sustainable timber farming;
- Live export trading in Saudi Arabia and China;
- Domestic and international markets for organics;
- National Forestry Policy;
- Agricultural climate change policy;
- Labelling guidelines for alternative protein and leather products; and

- Fisheries stock numbers in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

#### Outcome 2

- Independent panel on the phase out of live sheep exports;
- Funding for the fire ant eradication strategy;
- Implementation of the biosecurity protection levy;
- Awarding of contracts for live animal exports;
- Independent observer program;
- Greyhound exports;
- Lumpy-skin disease and exports to Indonesia; and
- Scabby mouth protocols.

#### Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

- Corporate plan targets;
- Clayton Utz Strategic review; and
- Matthews' review and government response timeline.

#### Plant Health Australia

- Biosecurity levy;
- Industry consultation; and
- Emergency pest plant response fund.

#### Inspector-General of Biosecurity

- Northern Australia Biosecurity Program; and
- Implementation review of x-ray screening and detector dogs.

#### Australian Fisheries Management Authority

- South East Trawl Fishery;
- Tasmanian offshore fisheries; and
- Queensland net fishing.

#### Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

- Gill net fishing and alternative programs;
- Fishing quotas; and
- Macquarie Harbor oxygenation program.

#### Dairy Australia

- Victorian industrial action; and
- Murray-Darling Basin impacts on dairy production.

#### Australian Wool Innovation

- Biosecurity levy;

#### Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

- Biosecurity levy;
- Industry consultation;
- Varroa mite; and
- Hemp research and development.

#### Regional Investment Corporation

- Loan approvals;
- AgriStarter and Farm Investor loans; and

- Executive and Board appointments.

#### Meat and Livestock Australia

- Livestock prices;

#### The Australian Live Export Corporation (LiveCorp)

- Live export trading to Saudi Arabia;
- Scabby mouth management;
- Sheep export volume;
- Biosecurity protection levy;
- Volume of exports by type; and
- Animal welfare.