

Answers to written Questions on Notice

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To a question asked by Senator Dorinda Cox

In relation to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties inquiries into the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between Australia and the United Arab Emirates, and the Agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Australia on the Promotion and Protection of Investments

Question: Do you think Trump's tariffs could have an indirect effect on Australia's exports to the UAE or other countries - either positive or negative?

Answer: It is difficult to forecast, with a degree of certainty, the direct and indirect impact of any possible US tariffs on Australia's exports with third countries, such as the UAE. However, with respect to meat, the US and UAE buy different products (cuts and quality) from Australia, so there would be limited diversion between the two destinations in the instance of any new tariffs applied to Australian product entering either country. The recent US tariffs applied to Canada and Mexico and any subsequent diversion of meat outside of North America are not expected to change the trade mix with the UAE.