

Questions on Notice – Response from WoolProducers Australia

SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Inquiry into the adequacy of Australia’s biosecurity measures and response preparedness

Public Hearing
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Question 1, page 3

“Animal Health Australia is the custodian of EADRA. It holds, I think, five-yearly reviews, but I can take that on notice.”

RESPONSE

Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement, VERSION NO. 20/01- 08/20, page 7

3.2 Review

The terms of this Deed will be reviewed by the Parties in the light of experience of its operation. The review is to commence no more than five years from the Commencement Date and every five years thereafter.

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Question 2, page 4

“Do you have any sense of the scale of movement across jurisdictional borders within the country? You might want to take that on notice. There are a lot of animals that move in and out of states, across state borders. That would give some sense of what we're talking about here when you combine it with the scaling up from mob to individual.”

RESPONSE

WoolProducers do not have this data and have sought to obtain this information from the Integrity Service Company, however there are numerous reasons that this cannot be provided to WoolProducers, including privacy issues.

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Question 3, page 6

“As you say, there's very limited wool-scouring in Australia. Do you have a percentage figure? How much of our wool could be scoured in any one year through our existing processing facilities?”

RESPONSE

According to the September, 2022 ABARES Agricultural commodities publication, in the three years to 2021-22 semi-processed (degreased, carbonised and carded or combed products) wool accounted for:

- 5.4% of the weight of total wool exports (greasy equivalent) or
- 5.2% of the value of total wool exports was exported