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Senator: Dastyari

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Question:

Senator DASTYARI: Let us stop. In relation to the capital funding in relation to a competitive agricultural sector, biosecurity and quarantine arrangements measure on page 49—I assume you will need to take this on notice, which is completely understandable—I want to ask two questions. Firstly, how many small exporters can be supported under the measure? Secondly, what is the average cost for export certification registration?

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Senator DASTYARI: We are interested in the costs, not the policy.

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Mr Tune: We will take it on notice.

Answer:

The *A Competitive Agriculture Sector – stronger biosecurity and quarantine arrangements* measure (Budget Paper No.2, page 49) does not explicitly support small exporters.

However, the Department of Agriculture anticipates that approximately 1,700 small exporters will be supported under the measure *A Competitive Agriculture Sector – support for small exporters* (Budget Paper No. 2, page 49).

The average export registration charge across all commodities is approximately \$6,200 per annum, based on existing rates of charge.