

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2015

Agriculture

Question: 80

Division/Agency: Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)

Topic: Update of R&D projects

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Senator STERLE asked:

ACTING CHAIR: As usual. And, if you start going on like a politician, I will start pulling faces at you! I will ask one. Can you just give us an update on R&D projects that ALEC are working on?

Mr Galvin: That LiveCorp and MLA are working on, on their joint program?

ACTING CHAIR: Yes, please.

Mr Galvin: I will hand over to Sam Brown, the CEO.

ACTING CHAIR: Okay, Sam, you know the story, mate: nice and quick, sharp, straight to the point. Go for it.

Mr Brown: There are a range of projects that we are working on, short term, medium term and long term. I think the higher level ones are certainly the work we are doing on the livestock global assurance program, the work—

ACTING CHAIR: That is a quality assurance program, is it?

Mr Brown: Very similar to it. It can be referred to as a quality assurance program, yes. We have been doing work on salmonella vaccines. We have a lot of work that we have been doing in benchmarking, as well as animal welfare indicators. We have also been undertaking a lot of work most recently in DVD productions and SOP in work instruction training for animal handling and point-of-slaughter training. We have been working hard on translating these across the languages of countries that we supply livestock to. And there are many more projects, around 34, that we will be managing over this current year.

ACTING CHAIR: 34? Very good. Just take them on notice anyway, Mr Brown, and let us know what is going on.

Mr Brown: That is no problem.

Answer:

Refer to attachment – LEP R&D Update



Project	Description	Start Date	Finish Date
W.LIV.0142	Strategies to reduce inanition in sheep Backgrounding & feedlotting strategies to address Inanition in sheep	31/03/2010	30/01/2015
W.LIV.0159	Preparation of rangeland goats for live export	15/02/2011	3/09/2015
W.LIV.0168	Phase 2 - DAM Attenuated Salmonella Vaccine – Scoping study	15/06/2012	30/06/2015
W.LIV.0169	LERDAC Independent Technical Committee Member 2012-2015	1/07/2012	30/06/2015
W.LIV.0173	A review of black organs (acquired visceral melanosis) in livestock	15/02/2013	1/03/2016
W.LIV.0175	Importation of Dam attenuated S. Typhimurium as a modified live vaccine for adult ruminants	15/05/2014	3/03/2015
W.LIV.0177	Saudi Vaccinator Training Course	25/09/2013	30/06/2015
W.LIV.3033	ESCAS, Meat Quality, Food Safety & Hygiene	30/01/2015	30/11/2015
W.LIV.3034	Translation LEP Training Materials	15/12/2014	30/04/2015
W.LIV.3035	Russian Training and Resource Video	30/01/2015	15/07/2015
W.LIV.3036	LGAP Communications Strategy Plan Development	20/02/2015	31/05/2015
W.LIV.0180	Veterinary Handbook for the live export industry mobile app development	15/12/2013	30/11/2015
W.LIV.0181	Pinkeye on Long Haul Cattle Voyages	15/03/2014	31/03/2016
W.LIV.0184	Livestock Export Industry Emergency Response Plan	30/07/2014	30/05/2015
W.LIV.0185	Governance of the Implementation of the Social License to Operate Industry Reform	15/12/2013	30/05/2015
W.LIV.0186	Standards and Performance Benchmarking the Livestock Export Industry	30/09/2014	30/06/2015
W.LIV.0252	Developing cattle data collection systems	1/05/2009	30/08/2014
W.LIV.0277	HotStuff Version 4.0 – Revised methodology and additional voyage routes and ports	30/11/2010	15/06/2014
W.LIV.0286	Premature Lactation in Exported Dairy Cattle – Further Research	1/09/2013	15/03/2015
W.LIV.0287	LiveCorp Training Services Review – Stockman and Stevedores	1/09/2013	30/08/2016
W.LIV.0288	Live Export Shipboard Mortality Report – 2013 & 2014	30/09/2013	30/06/2015
W.LIV.0289	Within Crate Ventilation on board aircraft	20/12/2013	1/03/2016
W.LIV.0290	Further improving the environment on board livestock vessels leaving Australia	14/03/2014	30/04/2015
W.LIV.0317	Best Practice Beef Breeding Cattle Management in Indonesia	1/04/2013	30/05/2015
W.LIV.0379	Monitoring Middle East feedlot temperatures	15/08/2010	1/03/2014
W.LIV.2015	Live Export Program Support Costs 2015	1/07/2014	30/06/2015



W.LIV.3017	Determining temperature/humidity thresholds for sheep exported from Australia to the Middle East	15/06/2013	31/12/2015
W.LIV.3018	Heat load in sheep exported to Middle Eastern feedlots	15/06/2013	30/04/2015
W.LIV.3019	Dairy Export Industry Review	30/10/2013	31/03/2014
W.LIV.3020	Beef Breeder Husbandry Manual for Overseas Markets	1/01/2014	1/04/2014
W.LIV.3021	Alternative restraint devices for sheep	1/03/2014	30/10/2014
W.LIV.3022	Sheep, Cattle and Goats Yard Manual	1/05/2014	30/04/2015
W.LIV.3024	Quantifying Welfare Improvements in the Live Export Industry	1/05/2014	1/10/2016
W.LIV.3027	Development of a Global Assurance Program for the Livestock Export Industry	16/07/2014	30/01/2016
W.LIV.3028	Vietnam Processing and News Video	8/06/2014	28/02/2015
W.LIV.3029	Indonesian feedlot performance comparison of Brahman and F1 Senepol steers	16/07/2014	30/12/2014
W.LIV.3030	Optimising Stunning Methods for Halal Livestock Processing	30/09/2014	1/03/2015
W.LIV.3032	Development and Assessment of Livestock	30/10/2014	30/12/2015

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Question: 81

Division/Agency: Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)

Topic: Live Animal Exports

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Senator WHISH-WILSON asked:

1. Are you aware of any irregularities regarding the loading of the *Ghena* with live cattle in South Australia during January 2015?
2. What is considered to be a 'normal' period in which live cattle are kept in trucks waiting to board a ship?
3. Is the air temperature a factor when considering how long cattle should be kept in trucks waiting to board a ship?
4. Are there any changes in procedure regarding the loading of cattle that should be undertaken when the air temperature is extremely high?

Answer:

1. No.
2. Exporters must comply with the land transport requirements of the Australian Standards of the Export of Livestock (ASEL), which includes complying with any livestock transport requirements of the relevant state and territory legislation where the animals are being transported. The ASEL can be found on the department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/acts-regulations-orders-standards>.
3. Exporters must comply with the land transport requirements of ASEL, which includes complying with any livestock transport requirements of the relevant state and territory legislation where the animals are being transported. The ASEL can be found on the department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/acts-regulations-orders-standards>.
4. Exporters must comply with the land transport requirements of ASEL, which includes complying with any livestock transport requirements of the relevant state and territory legislation where the animals are being transported. The ASEL can be found on the department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/acts-regulations-orders-standards>.

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5. Exporters must comply with the land transport requirements of ASEL, which includes complying with any livestock transport requirements of the relevant state or territory legislation where the animals are being transported. The ASEL can be found on the department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/acts-regulations-orders-standards>

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Question: 82

Division/Agency: Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)

Topic: Loading of Ghana with live cattle in SA

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Senator RHIANNON asked:

1. Were there any irregularities regarding the loading of the Ghana with live cattle in South Australia during the first weekend of January this year?
 - a. If yes, may I have the details, procedures and outcomes.
2. What is considered to be a 'normal' period in which live cattle are kept in trucks waiting to board a ship?
3. Is the air temperature a factor when considering how low cattle should be kept in trucks waiting to board a ship?
 - a. If not, why not?
 - b. Please supply details of the standards, including temperature standards, required for transporting cattle in trucks and in holding cattle in trucks prior to loading?
4. Are there any changes in procedure regarding the loading of cattle that should be taken when the air temperature is extremely high, for example 40c?
 - a. What are those procedures and guidelines?
 - b. How is this policed?

Answer:

1. LiveCorp is not involved in the commercial export of livestock or the regulation of the trade. This question is best addressed by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture.
2. Exporters must comply with the land transport requirements of the Australian Standard of the Export of Livestock (ASEL), which includes complying with any livestock transport requirements of the relevant state or territory legislation where the animals are being transported. The ASEL can be found on the department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/acts-regulations-orders-standards>

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- a. Exporters must comply with the land transport requirements of ASEL, which includes complying with any livestock transport requirements of the relevant state or territory legislation where the animals are being transported. The ASEL can be found on the department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/acts-regulations-orders-standards>
 - b. The transport of Australian livestock is governed by the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines - Land Transport of Livestock and ASEL.
3. Exporters must comply with the land transport requirements of ASEL, which includes complying with any livestock transport requirements of the relevant state or territory legislation where the animals are being transported. The ASEL can be found on the department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/live-animals/livestock/regulatory-framework/acts-regulations-orders-standards>