

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates February 2013

**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

**Question: 198**

**Division/Agency:** Live Animal Export Division/LiveCorp

**Topic: Animal Welfare Improvements under ESCAS**

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**Senator RHIANNON asked:**

In LiveCorp's role in working with the industry and considering their compliance with ESCAS are you confident that there have been improvements in animal welfare standards as a result?

- a. What evidence can you provide to the committee that that is the case?

**Answer:**

Yes.

Evidence of compliance with internationally agreed animal welfare standards within overseas livestock supply chain facilities is now required as part of the regulatory process for approval of livestock consignments for export. Third party independent auditing of Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) facilities is important evidence for demonstrating compliance with international animal welfare standards.