

SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
BUDGET ESTIMATES, 25, 26 MAY 2005 - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Biosecurity Australia

Question: BA 01

Topic: MOU with DAFF and Biosecurity Australia

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Senator O'Brien asked:

Is there a memorandum of agreement between Biosecurity Australia and the department?

Mr Cahill—We have a draft memorandum of understanding which relates to services that the department will continue to provide to Biosecurity Australia, principally management services, payroll, some accounting services and other things. We have not finalised that yet, but that will be in an MOU between me and the secretary of the department.

Senator O'BRIEN—Can this committee have a copy when it is finalised?

Answer:

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Biosecurity Australia for the provision of management services is attached.

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Question: BA 02

Topic: Beef imports: draft policy memorandum

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Senator O'Brien asked:

The files will record the nature of the consultation—when, where and with whom?

Answer:

Attached is Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) 1998/91, the mail list and responses from three stakeholders: the Chief Veterinary Officer, Western Australia, the Technical Advisor to the National Farmers' Federation and the Chief Veterinary Officer, South Australia.

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Question: BA 03

Topic: NFF technical adviser

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Senator Heffernan asked:

Who was the technical adviser?

Answer:

Dr Alick Lascelles.

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Question: BA 04

Topic: Beef imports consultation

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Senator O'Brien:

The file will show who was consulted. It will tell you and you will be able to tell us the nature of that consultation, and you will be able to supply us with the material that they received and the responses you received from those who replied?

Answer:

The material has been provided in response to question BA 02.