



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT

REFERENCES COMMITTEE

**The possible impacts and consequences for public health,
trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to
relax import restrictions on beef.**

Second Interim Report

Pursuant to Senate standing order 38(7), I present to you an interim report of the Senate Standing References Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport on the possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax import restrictions on beef.

The Senate referred this matter to the Committee on 27 October 2009, for report on 30 November 2009. The committee advertised the inquiry and to date has received ten submissions.

The Committee considers it is necessary to conduct further public hearings before completing the reference, and is holding a public hearing scheduled for today with industry and departmental representatives in attendance.

To ensure that the issues raised during the inquiry are thoroughly considered and appropriately addressed, the committee intends to present its final report to the Senate on 11 March 2010.

Senator Fiona Nash
Chair

25 February 2010