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SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMONWEALTH BILATERAL AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS

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Question on notice

Australian Meat Industry Council

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Senator SHEDDON: From 2017-18 to 2021-22, live sheep exports fell from 1.9 million sheep to under 500,000 sheep. Are you aware what percentage of that export has been replaced by refrigerated freight in the belly of passenger aircraft?

Mr Munsie: I don't have the answer, sorry.

CHAIR: Can you take that on notice?

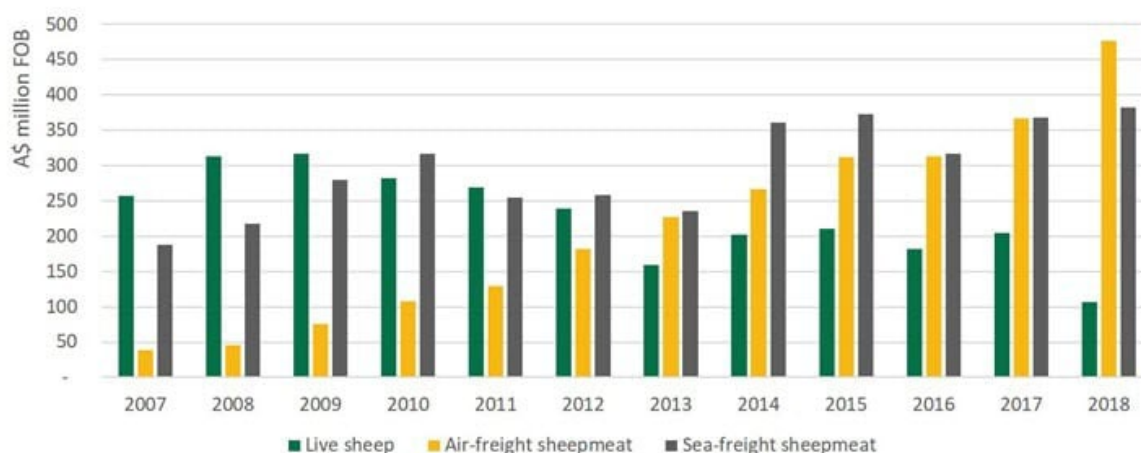
Mr Munsie: Yes, certainly. I can undertake to try and find that data.

AMIC's response to QoN:

AMIC is not specifically aware of the percentage of the change in live sheep exports from 2017-18 to 2021-22 that has been replaced by refrigerated freight in the belly of passenger aircraft.

However, AMIC notes that a 2019 MLA report (available at: <https://www.mla.com.au/news-and-events/industry-news/air-freight-unlocking-sheepmeat-opportunities/>) provides the below breakdown of Australian sheep and sheep meat exports to the Middle East region from 2007 until 2018 which shows the relative values of live sheep to airfreight and sea freighted sheep meat exports.

Australian sheep and sheepmeat exports to MENA



Source: IHS Markit