

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Impact of Defence Training Activities and Facilities on Rural and Regional Communities – 8 June 2017

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Provision of fresh food for exercises

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Senator: Gallacher

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Question:

CHAIR: What do you say to the allegation that you trucked in bread and sausages and did not source them locally?

Brig. Purdey: I guess my response would be that, as with most of our major activities, it is a combination of both regional and local and, if you like, state and regional procurements to do the things. Some of the fresh food came from Adelaide but there was also significant purchases of food and foodstuffs inside that \$2.7 million locally in this region as part of that exercise expenditure.

CHAIR: There seems to be a bit of contention about that, so perhaps further and better particulars about your actual spend may be useful for the committee, even if you have to give it to us in camera or whatever.

Brig. Purdey: I could provide that level of detail on notice, down to the businesses and purchases that were have made with regard to foodstuffs.

Answer:

Army spent approximately \$1.44 million on fresh rationing in support of Exercise Hamel 16 activities conducted at RAAF Edinburgh and Cultana Training Area. All expenditure was made through the standing offer panel. The breakdown is:

Adelaide	\$m
Austral Meats	0.32
Crispy Fresh	0.38
Port Augusta	
Tip Top Bakery	0.05
Lion Dairy and Drinks	0.18
PFD Foodservices	0.51
Total	1.44