

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**Agriculture and Water Resources**

**Question:** 52

**Division/Agency:** Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)

**Topic:** LGAP project

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**Senator STERLE asked:**

1. Can you update the committee on the LGAP project
2. What have been the major challenges identified in the LGAP project?

**Answer:**

1. Answered by Mr Galvin on 9 February 2016 during the Senate hearing, refer page 93 of Hansard.
2. Several challenges have been identified during the Livestock Global Assurance Program (LGAP) Research and Development (R&D) project. Such challenges include ensuring the programme is sufficiently robust and consistent with the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) in order to be recognised by the Australian government as delivering equivalent (or greater) animal welfare outcomes as ESCAS; providing efficiencies in delivering regulatory objectives; ensuring the programme is able to be implemented in Australia's export markets; and communicating to industry stakeholders and the public that LGAP is a conformity assessment program and does seek to replace ESCAS.

LGAP is an ongoing R&D project and these challenges are under consideration by the R&D project team.