

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2016

Agriculture and Water Resources

Question: 53

Division/Agency: Australian Meat Processor Corporation

Topic: How AMPC addresses issues that are subcontracted out

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Senator BULLOCK asked:

ACTING CHAIR: With the greatest respect, Mr Noble, we know where you are coming from but as meat processors you still have to address these issues which you subcontract out.

Mr Noble: Yes, we do.

ACTING CHAIR: You might want to take it on notice. We would be very keen, from the AMPC's point of view, to hear how you address these issues.

Answer:

The Australian Meat Processor Corporation (AMPC) Strategic Plan 2013–2017 is available at www.ampc.com.au/about-ampc/strategic-plans.

The stakeholder consultation process undertaken to develop the strategic plan is explained at page 8 of the plan. AMPC reviews and updates the strategic plan annually. The AMPC partners with research providers to consider the latest developments in science and technology to help determine priorities for investment, in addition to considering ideas and proposed programs from meat processor members and industry stakeholders. AMPC also engages with the Australian Government to ensure effective alignment and delivery of industry and government priorities and the integration of (Research Development & Extension) RD&E activities that benefit the industry and broader community.

The Portfolio Development Process provides a mechanism by which AMPC establishes a balanced portfolio for investment. This process requires engagement with a broad array of stakeholders, including the processor-member based Program Advisory Committees.

The issues of food safety, new product development, market access, industry sustainability and climate change are addressed in the AMPC Annual Operating Plan 2015–2016 (www.ampc.com.au/about-ampc/corporate-publications/annual-operating-plans):

- Program 1: Processing technologies

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- Program 2: Environment and sustainability
- Program 3: Food safety, integrity systems and meat science
- Program 4: Capability, extension and education
- Program 5: Industry improvement and economic analysis
- Program 6: Joint program: Food safety, integrity systems, market access and marketing.

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Senator BULLOCK asked:

Senator BULLOCK: These reflect the concerns of your stakeholders. They want to know what your plans are to address these issues, not necessarily hands-on yourself but through the organisation. This is the sort of question that is not uncommon.

Mr Noble: No. I understand that. We also have a very detailed report to members which details the responses we have to those. Let me take that question on notice so that I can deal with it specifically.

Senator BULLOCK: That will do just fine.

Mr Noble: Thank you.

Answer:

Please refer to response provided in Question on Notice 53.

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Question: 55

Division/Agency: Australian Meat Processor Corporation

Topic: AMPC's Strategic Plan

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Senator STERLE asked:

1. Can you update the committee on AMPCs Strategic Plan – particularly in reference to your stakeholders request for greater scientific inputs towards enhancing and addressing major issues such as food safety, new product development, market access and industry sustainability and climate change?

Answer:

Please refer to response provided in Question on Notice 53.