

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates May 2017

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Question Number: 33

Division/Agency: Biosecurity Plant Division

Topic: Importation of Peanuts

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Senator BACK asked:

Senator BACK: You mentioned Argentina, Brazil, and did you say Bolivia?

Dr Healy: Bolivia.

Senator BACK: Do we import or have we ever imported peanuts, peanut products or peanut plants from any of those countries?

Dr Healy: We have imported peanuts—we would have to take on notice the question in total, as in, have we ever, but I can tell you—

Answer:

Australia has imported peanuts from Argentina and Brazil, but not from Bolivia.

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Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Question Number: 34

Division/Agency: Biosecurity Plant Division

Topic: Banana Importations

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Senator O’SULLIVAN asked:

1. Can the Department advise if there were any applications for banana imports in the preceding six (6) months?
2. If the answer is yes, will the department advise from which country the import request was received and the status of these applications.

Answer:

No import permit applications for fresh bananas have been received in the last six months.

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Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Question Number: 35

Division/Agency: Biosecurity Plant Division

Topic: Phytosanitary Certification

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Senator GALLACHER asked:

What is the process for and timeframe for an agricultural exporter who is compliant in the Middle East and wants to access China?

Answer:

The process and related timeframe to access the China market will depend on the commodity the exporter seeks to export and on China's import requirements for that commodity.