

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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Division/Agency: Biosecurity Animal Division

Topic: Psittacine Birds

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Senator STERLE asked:

Provide an update on the risk assessment for psittacine birds.

Answer:

The same question was asked by Senator Carol Brown during the Senate Estimates Hearing on 18 October 2016. Mr Tim Chapman's response can be found on page 121 of the Hansard.

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Senator STERLE asked:

What processes have changed within the department following the request to have Budgie the Cockatiel imported into Australia?

Answer:

There have been no changes to the process for importing pet birds. However, the information relating to pet birds in the department's biosecurity import conditions database (BICON) has been reviewed and updated for clarity.

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Senator RHIANNON asked:

As part of the now defunct Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (AAWS), a report was written by Dr Simon Bain and Kelly Debono making recommendations pertaining to the collection and collation of animal research statistics. The report was titled *"Review of Current Practices and Needs to Inform Public Presentation of Animal Usage for Scientific Purposes in Australia"*

Please provide details of what actions have been taken or are planned to be taken to ensure the recommendations provided in this report are actioned so Australia implements an accurate record of animals used in research to measure progress on the 3Rs.

Answer:

The regulation of research using animals in Australia is a matter for the states and territories.