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TOPIC: Agrifood Skills Australia Regional Agrifood Skills and Workforce Development Strategy

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Nash

QUESTION No.: AI-60

The Agriculture Minister, Joe Ludwig, states in his submission to a Victorian Parliament Inquiry into Agricultural Education and Training that the Primary Industries Ministerial Council invited Agrifood Skills Australia to develop a Regional Agrifood Skills and Workforce Development Strategy looking at skills and workforce issues.

http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/etc/Past_Inquiries/AEV_Inquiry/Submissions/20_Senator_Joe_Ludwig.pdf

Can the dept state where that strategy is at and when it will be released.

ANSWER

Agrifood Skills Australia has developed the draft *National Agrifood Skills and Workforce Development Strategy 2012-2014*. The Strategy is an update of the previous draft *Regional Agrifood Skills and Workforce Development Strategy*. Agrifood Skills Australia continues to work with key government and industry stakeholders to refine the Strategy, including considering funding and policy implications.