

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2013

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: 60

Division/Agency: Australian Chief Veterinary Office

Topic: Countries with BJD

Proof Hansard page: 55

Senator IAN MACDONALD asked:

Senator IAN MACDONALD: On notice, could you tell me which of the countries we export the cattle to that have BJD, which of them have protocols which in some way impact our export of those cattle to those countries and whether in view of the Australian government they are relevant and fair? I do not understand but Senator Back may well understand. If they have BJD and you export them BJD, what the heck.

Dr Schipp: We can certainly take that on notice. We have provided a list of those markets publicly and it was in the press earlier this week. But we can take that on notice.

Answer:

Bovine Johne's disease (BJD) is a serious wasting disease of cattle with significant adverse impacts on livestock production. It is for this reason that many countries legitimately apply control measures both domestically and to imports. In Australia, the National Johne's Disease Control Program aims to assist the livestock industries to reduce the spread and impact of BJD.

BJD occurs in most countries throughout the world. Many of our trading partners have import controls relevant to BJD. A list of countries to which Australia exports cattle, that have BJD requirements, is attached. The level of control applied to imports varies with the importing country and product. In general, extensive testing may be required for breeder cattle. For slaughter and feeder cattle, confirmation of herd freedom is generally sufficient for most importing countries. While an importing country determines its own import requirements, DAFF makes every effort to obtain science based, practical protocols when negotiating with the importing country.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2013

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: 60 (continued)

**Countries that have a requirement for bovine Johne's disease
at December 2012**

Importing country	Commodity
Argentina	Cattle - semen
Brazil	Cattle - breeder
Brunei	Cattle - slaughter
Canada	Cattle - breeder
Chile	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - semen
China	Cattle - breeder
Colombia	Cattle - semen
Costa Rica	Cattle - semen
Cuba	Cattle - semen
Czech Republic	Cattle - semen
East Timor	Cattle - breeder
Ecuador	Cattle - semen
Indonesia	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - feeder
Iraq	Cattle - semen
Israel	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - semen
Japan	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - semen
Kazakhstan	Cattle - breeder
Korea	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - semen
Libya	Cattle - breeder
Malaysia	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - slaughter
Mauritius	Cattle - slaughter
Norfolk Island	Cattle - breeder
Oman	Cattle - breeder

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2013

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: 60 (continued)

Importing country	Commodity
Pakistan	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - semen
Paraguay	Cattle - semen
Philippines	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - semen
Qatar	Cattle - breeder
Russian Federation	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - semen
Sabah	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - slaughter
Sarawak	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - slaughter
Singapore	Cattle - breeder
Solomon Islands	Cattle - breeder
Sri Lanka	Cattle - breeder
Sudan	Cattle - breeder
Taiwan	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - semen
Thailand	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - semen
Turkey	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - slaughter

Importing country	Commodity
United Arab Emirates	Cattle - breeder
	Cattle - semen
United States of America	Cattle - breeder

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates February 2013
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: 60 (continued)

Importing country	Commodity
Uruguay	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - semen
Vanuatu	Cattle - embryos
	Cattle - semen
Vietnam	Cattle - feeder
	Cattle - semen
Zimbabwe	Cattle - semen