

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates October 2006

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question No: WEA01

Division/Agency: Wheat Export Authority

Topic: Lodgement of WEA Annual Report

Hansard Page: 10 (31/10/06)

Senator Sterle asked:

When will the report be presented to Minister McGauran?

When will the report be tabled?

Answer:

Under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (CAC Act) the Wheat Export Authority (WEA) provides the report to the responsible Minister by the 15th day of the 4th month after the end of the financial year (ie 15 January 2007).

The Minister must then table the report in each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable.

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Question No: WEA02

Division/Agency: Wheat Export Authority

Topic: WEA CEO's Remuneration

Hansard Page: 10 (31/10/06)

Senator Sterle asked:

What was the adjustment to Mr Taylor's remuneration package (the AWOTE – average weekly overtime earnings) that is due in February each year?

Answer:

At 1 February 2006, 6.3% in line with the latest average weekly overtime earnings (AWOTE) figure at end of August 2005.

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Question No: WEA03

Division/Agency: Wheat Export Authority

Topic: Export to Iraq

Hansard Page: 13 (31/10/06)

Senator Sterle asked:

So do we know how many shipments were required for this load?

Answer:

There were 12 shipments to Iraq by Wheat Australia. Details are in the table below:

Date shipped	Net Quantity
09-Jul-06	50,000.00
14-Jul-06	28,205.71
17-Jul-06	24,585.37
18-Jul-06	22,506.49
19-Jul-06	27,527.00
06-Aug-06	30,000.00
10-Aug-06	23,250.00
12-Aug-06	47,915.00
25-Aug-06	22,700.00
26-Aug-06	29,049.00
30-Aug-06	30,700.00
30-Aug-06	25,261.00
Total	361,699.57

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Question No: WEA04

Division/Agency: Wheat Export Authority

Topic: Wheat to Iraq

Hansard Page: 14 (31/10/06)

Senator Sterle asked:

Australia has been a major supplier of wheat to Iraq for half a century. How much has the loss of the market cost Australian wheat growers?

Answer:

The Wheat Export Authority (WEA) is in the process of assessing the cost of this issue on the Australian wheat grower. The WEA will report on the completion of this assessment.

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Question No: WEA05

Division/Agency: Wheat Export Authority

Topic: Wheat Export Applications

Hansard Page: 15 (31/10/06)

Senator Sterle asked:

Mr Taylor—I do not have the specific numbers, Senator. There are 12 applications on hand at the moment for bulk export consent. The number of applications for containing bag export consent would be in the hundreds, but I can give you some specific details if I can take that on notice.

Senator Sterle—If you could, Mr Taylor; thank you.

Answer:

A total of four hundred and forty-one (441) export applications were received by the Wheat Export Authority (WEA) between October 2005 and 30 September 2006. Four hundred and seventeen (417) of these applications were for exports in bags and containers and twenty four (24) were applications for bulk.