

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates May 2009

**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

**Question:** AQIS 56

**Division/Agency:** AQIS - Quarantine Operations Division

**Topic:** Agricultural products held up and/or rejected by AQIS

**Hansard Page:** Written question

**Senator Nash asked:**

How many shipments of agricultural products were held up and/or rejected by AQIS last year because of breaches to Australian Quarantine rules in 2008/09?

**Answer:**

A total of 57,438 shipments (of a total 476,773 consignments referred to AQIS) were held up or rejected in the period 1 Jun 2008 to 31 May 2009 because of breaches to Australian Quarantine rules requiring the following treatments or processes:

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Number</b>
Destruction	7082
Devitalisation	40
Fumigation	24763
Heat Treatment	1126
Irradiation	2998
Other treatments <i>includes treatments such as cleaning, disinfection, removal of bark and/or cold storage</i>	19793
Re-Export	1636
<b>Total</b>	<b>57438</b>