

LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT

780. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:
- (1) Are most sheep exported live from Australia sourced from Western Australia?
 - (2) Are most sheep exported live from Australia sent to the Middle East?
 - (3) What levels of humidity are commonly experienced during live export voyages to the Middle East?
 - (4) What degree of responsibility does the Western Australian Government have for the welfare of animals exported from this State?
 - (5) Will the Government take steps to objectively assess the livestock heat stress risk assessment model as it does not protect animals from poor welfare?
 - (6) Will the Government require that automatic data loggers are installed on live export ships to monitor and report both humidity and wet bulb temperature to measure the heat load imposed on animals?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1)–(2) Yes.
- (3) All matters related to animal welfare monitoring during voyages are the responsibility of a Federal Department of Agriculture (DoA) accredited on-board veterinarian who provides the DoA with regular updates.
- (4) None. Live animal exports are the responsibility of the DoA. However, the Western Australian Government fully supports the DoA's Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS).
- (5)–(6) No.