

LIVE EXPORT — LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

**1266. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the recent drop in price of live cattle exports to Indonesia triggered by concern amongst Indonesian authorities around lumpy skin disease in Australian cattle.

- (1) What policy responses is the government actioning to support cattle farmers?
- (2) Will these policy responses involve a pivot towards encouraging more boxed beef production, given the increase in boxed beef exports to Indonesia, ongoing concerns around animal cruelty in the live animal trade, and the impending federal government ban on live exports?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Lumpy skin disease is not present in Australia. There is no evidence that the falling cattle prices across Australia have been triggered by any biosecurity concerns.
- (2) Not applicable.