Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig  
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Dear Minister

The current Statutory Funding Agreement (SFA) between the Commonwealth and the Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp) was not tabled within the timeframe stipulated by legislation.

A new SFA between the Commonwealth and LiveCorp came into operation on 1 July 2010. The SFA enables Livecorp to access industry levy funds to provide research and development and marketing services to the Australian livestock export industry.

Clause 68B of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* requires that a new SFA for LiveCorp be tabled in parliament within 14 sitting days of the date on which the SFA becomes operational. This requirement was not met in respect of the 2010–14 LiveCorp SFA due to an administrative oversight.

The department has reviewed and updated its procedures to ensure that such documents are tabled on time in the future.

Yours sincerely

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