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Conversation with Tony Dage (Elders) 0400 827 257

I spoke with Tony Dage this evening after receiving correspondence about Elders position to allow trade to Indonesia in its "closed" circumstances.

I rang Tony Dage at 6.22pm – he called me back at 6.24pm.

I indicated to him –

- I would be the point of contact within the department in relation to the correspondence
- I would need to provide advice to the Minister (the recipient of the correspondence)
- I did not expect that to occur tonight, or even tomorrow
- I would need to consider supply chain assurance issues, including standards against which these might need to be amended
- I may approach him in consideration of these issues for documents / evidence to support the claims in the correspondence
- I was aware that the consignment in registered premises in Port Headland had documentation indicating to the department that an alternative (contingent) destination (or market) was identified (Philippines)
- As point of contact I agreed to stay in touch



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