

Answer to question taken on notice

Dr Nick Rose – Sustain: The Australian Food Network

The CHAIR: If there is any information you could send us about that Vermont example, Mr Rose, it would be really useful to send that through to committee staff.

NICK ROSE: Yes, I am happy to do that, Mr Chair. Just for your information, we had intended to bring the coordinators. The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund is the statewide economic development agency that has been tasked with responsibility for the implementation of that plan, and we had invited them to Australia at the beginning of 2020 and then, of course, circumstances made that impossible. But we did end up having a series of webinars with them at the end of 2020 where they shared with an Australian audience the history of that farm-to-plate plan and its achievements. We looked at questions of planning and procurement. Those are recorded, public videos on our YouTube channel, which I am happy to send through as well.

Answer provided:

The webinars featuring the coordinators of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund are here:

- [Overview of the first 10 years of the Vermont Farm to Plate Plan](#)
- [Planning for Sustainable Farming and Healthy Food Access](#)
- [How the Public Purse can drive food systems change](#)