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To: [Animal Cruelty Laws](#)
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Subject: RSPCA NSW reply to QON response from Australian Pork Limited
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Dear Ms Rogerson,

There is one matter raised in the answer to a Question on Notice by Australian Pork Limited - <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/other/13193/3.%20Answers%20to%20QONs%20-%20Australian%20Pork%20Limited%20-%20Received%2026%20February%202020.PDF> - on which RSPCA NSW would seek the leave of the Committee to make the following response.

You will recall that at Transcript page 20, Mr Veitch asked each of Ms Andrae (Australian Pork Limited), Ms Hashimoto (Egg Farmers of Australia) and Mr McDonald and Ms Johnson (NSW Farmers Association), in summary, whether their members had complained about the process which had been followed in any interaction with RSPCA NSW. Ms Hashimoto answered that there was no such complaints to her knowledge and Ms Johnson said that there had been two instances, which had been put through the complaints process at RSPCA NSW and satisfactorily resolved. Ms Andrae also said there had been no such complaints to her knowledge and took the question on notice.

In a further answer, Australian Pork Limited has now identified one complaint, which was received by it on 7 January (we assume in 2020), which was said to be from a producer who notified the RSPCA that she had seen pigs being transported in hot weather and that the RSPCA had reportedly responded “by saying that it was not the appropriate body to deal with those types of complaints”.

In relation to this matter, RSPCA NSW has searched its complaints database but has been unable, with the limited information made available, to identify such a report being made to it.

On receipt of such a report, RSPCA NSW’s standard operating procedures would have called for the contact centre to first identify if the complaint was one which raised an issue within the jurisdiction of the Inspectorate and which was most appropriately dealt with by RSPCA NSW, rather than another authority with jurisdiction in the matter. In that regard, we note that RSPCA NSW’s inspectors exercise joint jurisdiction in relation to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Land Transport of Livestock) Standards 2013, with AWL, NSW Police and DPI. In circumstances where DPI and / or Local Land Services employees are at saleyards on a daily basis, if the report was assessed by the contact centre as raising issues under those standards (rather than an urgent or pressing animal cruelty complaint) then it may have been referred to DPI for enforcement action at the saleyard on that basis.

If we can be of any further assistance on this, or any other, matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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