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SELECT COMMITTEE 1

RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER
INQUIRY 2- FARMING
JANUARY 2026

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Recommendation	Portfolio	Previous Progress Report	Current Status	RAG	Verification of Implementation	Verification Date
Recommendation 1. Now that the ban on prohibition, on the import of poultry and poultry products originating from South Africa has been lifted, we also recommend there is an immediate review on the importation of day old chicks, with an update provided to the public. An indicative timescale for this action to be completed, should be provided by end of July 2024.	ENRP	Oct 2024 - Completed. Applicants for day-old chicks were made aware that there would be no imports of day old chicks until after the winter period. April 2025 - A further import of day-old chicks was undertaken by ENRP in the last quarter of 2024-25.		Green - Completed		
Recommendation 2 The Animal Census requires chickens to be declared therefore we recommend this data be analysed as soon as possible, from which the Portfolio should consider establishing a register of Poultry Producers. Also six monthly meetings should be reinstated with Poultry farmers to gauge what has worked well, or what needs to be improved.	ENRP	Oct 2024 - ENRP have a list of the key poultry producers already and this was used to establish the poultry producer group. However, no new meetings have been established with the group as the last meeting saw them have no interest in being involved in options for continuing the supply of chicks for replenishing layers for local egg production or subsequently, no interest in being involved in the take up of renovated poultry premises for continued and expanded poultry enterprise. April 2025 - Although the poultry producers group is no longer active, ENRP will be monitoring the progress of the day-old chicks supplied to key poultry producers from the recent import of day-old chicks	No new meetings has been established with the former group or to try and return to re-establish this group again as ENRP felt we would continue to waste staff time as there would again be reliance on ENRP to lead/progress issues of producers would have little interest in developing poultry activities beyond their enterprise levels. At their last meeting of the Group, ENRP saw the group have no interest in being involved in options for continuing the supply of chicks for replenishing layers for local egg production or subsequently, no interest in being involved in the take up of renovated poultry premises for continued and expanded poultry enterprise. Some of the former group have stopped their poultry production activities. Monitoring of day-old chick imports broadly being monitored (mostly with larger allocations of chicks as V&L staff resources permit).	Amber - Started		

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Recommendation 5 We recommend that under the new policy that is being developed, lease schedules need to be formed in a more specific manner. An indicative timescale for this action to be completed should be provided by the end of July 2024.	ENRP	Oct 2024 - This recommendation will be established as part of the AP Action Plan once the AP progresses to this stage of development. April 2025 - Not able to be progressed until sufficient progress achieved with AP.	Although the Policy has not progressed sufficiently as hoped, ENRP have been discussing use of land/building asset specific schedules with 'lessee and lessor responsibilities' to be used for each lease that is implemented by the Portfolio. Some work still to be done to refine schedules.	Amber - Started		
Recommendation 6 We recommend the Portfolio should consider establishing a register for Full-time and Part-time farmers who are using Crown land, as well as Private lands. Any level of subsidy or grant should also be recorded.	ENRP	Oct 2024 - This recommendation will be included as above at 5. April 2025 - Register of ENRP assets let to FT and PT farmers developed. Agriculture support provisions still to be added.	Although we have a list of farmer details alongside of agriculture asset letting and agricultural support, the requirement for a register of farmers (by type) letting agriculture assets, receiving agricultural service provision and in receipt of formal agricultural support will be defined under the Agriculture Policy, to ensure we have a formal mechanism to define both farmer/producer types.	Amber - Started		
Recommendation 7 We recommend that the Animal Husbandry Policy, under the Pasturage (Government Lands) Ordinance, 1938, is reviewed to extend support to pigs and other animals. An indicative timescale for this action to be completed should be provided by the end of July 2024.	ENRP	Oct 2024 - Completed and AHF Policy updated with this recommendation in July 2024.		Green - Completed		
Recommendation 8 We recommend that training in the safe use of pesticides, evidenced with a certificate, should be available to farmers every two to three years.	ENRP	Oct 2024 - Options are being considered as to how this recommendation can be funded for a trainer to visit. April 2025 - A funding bid will be made during this year's budget submission for a 2026-27 training exercise for pesticide spraying.	Some funding included for miscellaneous farmer support for 2026-27+ budget and if this training is agreed as a priority for the sector, during 2026-7 or 2027-8, options for delivery of this training will be pursued.	Red - Not Started		
Recommendation 9 We recommend that provision is made for collecting data in order that this can be published annually, especially from those producers in receipt of subsidies and other support from SHG. Data should be published in a manner that demonstrates how support provided is translated into productivity.	ENRP	Oct 2024 - This recommendation will be fully established as part of the AP Action Plan once the AP progresses to this stage of development. New policy/legal requirements are needed to ensure we can secure robust data and metrics for agricultural support and build on the limited data producers are willing to provide for SHG. April 2025 - Not able to be progressed until sufficient progress achieved with AP.	ENRP have been considering having Agriculture Trade and Production Report being developed and disseminated for 2025-26 (to be released in May 2026), as was done pre-2020 if sufficient data/information can be secured. Otherwise, this will be considered for implementation from 2026-27.	Amber - Started		

