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## ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 1999/90

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### IMPORT RISK ANALYSES: LIVE BIRDS - PSITTACINES

#### PROGRESS REPORT AND TECHNICAL ISSUES PAPER

This Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) provides a progress report on the import risk analysis (IRA) of psittacines and a copy of the Technical Issues Paper for public comment. Comments are due by 28 February 2000.

In AQPM 99/32 of 18 May 1999, AQIS advised stakeholders of the outcome of an appeal against the membership of the Risk Analysis Panel formed to conduct the IRA of psittacine birds. The Risk Analysis Panel which is conducting the import risk analysis has now met on two occasions and has prepared the attached Technical Issues Paper.

The Technical Issues Paper is intended to promote discussion on the scope of the analysis, the main pest and disease risk issues and other matters relevant to the import risk analysis. The Risk Analysis Panel will consider comments received on the issues paper, in the preparation of a draft report of the import risk analysis. Any comment you provide should be supported by scientific references, if available.

#### Next Steps

I would appreciate receiving your comments, supported by scientific references, if available, by 28 February 2000. The Risk Analysis Panel will consider comments received and these will be taken into account in preparing the draft IRA report.

Please pass this circular to other interested parties whom you may know of, and who should advise AQIS if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. All inquiries should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

### **Confidentiality**

Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1982*, all submissions received in response to Animal Quarantine Policy Memoranda will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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