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- Australia is free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)
- In 2022 – 2023 Australia:
 - strengthened biosecurity requirements for imported goods, incoming passengers and mail
 - deployed 18 new biosecurity officers in airports and mail centres, and provided additional training for biosecurity officers
 - targeted deployment of detector dogs in international airports
 - introduced mats to sanitise footwear of some incoming passengers
 - undertook additional assessment and screening of incoming passengers
 - introduced additional public communications including through social media and in-flight messages
 - reviewed import permits and conditions for meat and other risk products from countries not FMD-free
 - granted biosecurity officers extra powers under *Biosecurity Act 2015* to direct risk items on travellers, such as shoes, for cleaning
 - supported control of FMD in our region including collaboration on biosecurity capacity building and donation of 4 million doses of FMD vaccine to Indonesia

PREPAREDNESS STRATEGIES TO MAINTAIN
FMD FREE STATUS

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

- Australia has detailed, well-rehearsed FMD response plans and arrangements in place. Governments and industry's preparedness is continuously reviewed and tested through simulation exercises.
- The Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan (AUSVETPLAN) contains the nationally-agreed approach for the response to emergency animal disease (EAD) incidents in Australia.
- The AUSVETPLAN Disease Response Strategy for FMD is part of our national response arrangements. This sets out the government and industry's agreed approach that would be taken to respond to FMD if it occurred in Australia, including an assessment of the role of vaccination in responding to an incursion.
- Australia's Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) documents set out the nationally agreed arrangements for the cost sharing of disease responses. This includes for compensation paid to affected livestock enterprises.

- Sustainable funding is an ongoing constraint. The Australian government has committed to over AUD\$1.03 billion in additional funding to bolster Australia's biosecurity system.

CONSTRAINTS
& SOLUTIONS