For discussion under agenda item No. 6 of the draft agenda, the following questions have been submitted by Canada:

AUSTRALIA

Question
Against background of the continuing decline in cattle numbers in Australia, is it possible to provide an assessment of the timing of the rebuilding of beef herds? To what extent are beef producers in Australia switching to alternative enterprises, e.g. grain? What is the anticipated impact on Australian export availability?

UNITED STATES

Question
Is it possible to provide an assessment of the impact of recent changes in legislation aimed at reducing dairy cattle numbers on United States supplies and on price levels of manufacturing beef in 1984?

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Question

(A) Total cattle numbers on a Community basis are continuing to edge upwards. What factors are contributing to this trend and can it be expected to continue?

(B) Given the continuing EEC supply/demand imbalance, has the Community any plans for its growing surplus production? If exports are to be increased, has consideration been given to any possible impact on third markets?