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Information Paper

 **Ms HOWARD** (Ipswich—ALP) (9.55 am): I table the Agriculture and Environment Committee's paper No. 1 titled *Review of Queensland government drought assistance measures*.

Tabled paper: Agriculture and Environment Committee: Information paper No. 1—Review of drought assistance measures [\[831\]](#).

The committee has this week agreed to a series of reviews to examine the effectiveness of the government's key drought assistance. The committee will conduct these reviews in accordance with the committee's public accounts responsibilities under section 94 of the Parliament of Queensland Act. The committee will be checking that measures are well designed and provide the best possible assistance, while also giving good value for money for the Queensland taxpayer. The committee will also look for opportunities to improve measures at no net additional cost to the government. Our first review will examine the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme administered by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. We will take submissions for our review until Friday, 28 August, and our intention is to report findings and recommendations by February next year. The committee encourages all honourable members to contribute to this important and timely work.