

Question on Notice

No. 504

Asked on 3 April 2019

MR A PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Biosecurity Queensland Ministerial Advisory Council (BQMAC)—
Will the Minister advise (a) the dates of the last ten BQMAC meetings, (b) the recommendations from the last BQMAC meeting and (c) how many of these recommendations have been accepted and implemented?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

a) The dates for the last 10 meetings are as follows:

1. 31 January 2018
2. 6 October 2017
3. 15 September 2017
4. 14 September 2017
5. 1 August 2017
6. 26 June 2017
7. 2 February 2017
8. 5 August 2016
9. 13 May 2016
10. 10 October 2015.

b) The recommendations from the last meeting of BQMAC involved how it should be reconstituted in the future and its proposed functions. The recommendations included:

- (i) the need for gender equity;
- (ii) a small reduction in size;
- (iii) using advertising instead of the Queensland Register of Nominees to seek new members;
- (iv) having one non-biosecurity person on the council;
- (v) having a rotating Chair rather than a permanent one;
- (vi) meeting frequency of between 4 to 6 times a year;
- (vii) ensuring that all portfolios in Biosecurity Queensland attended to ensure organisational relevance and linkages;
- (viii) relocating RSPCA to the Animal Welfare Advisory Board;
- (ix) scheduling future meetings with the Minister; and
- (x) a review of secretariat and subcommittee functions to ensure support for, and updates to, BQMAC.

c) These recommendations have all been accepted and are being implemented through the refreshment of BQMAC.