

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 627**

**Asked on 15 June 2004**

**MR HAYWARD** asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Palaszczuk)—

**QUESTION:**

Will he advise if fire ants and/or crazy ants have been detected in the Kallangur Electorate?

**ANSWER:**

There have been no reports of Red Imported Fire Ants or Crazy Ants in the Kallangur Electorate.

There was a property infested with Red Imported Fire Ant at Banyo and crazy ants have been intercepted at the Port of Brisbane but these are at least 14 km distant from the Kallangur Electorate.

Given the progress towards eradication to date with 97.5% control after the first two seasons of treatment, the long period of time since the discovery of an active, viable fire ant nest in the northern area of the treatment zone and the continuing efforts of the Fire Ant Control Centre, it is unlikely that Red Imported Fire Ant will spread to your Electorate.

Nevertheless, I would urge your constituents to be vigilant and contact the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Call Centre on 132523 to report any suspicious ants.