

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Asked on Wednesday, 7 June 2006

MR HAYWARD asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

Will he advise of his department's involvement in the recent Longreach, Cunnamulla and Charleville Agricultural shows?

ANSWER:

A number of dedicated Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries' (DPI&F) staff were involved in the May 2006 shows in Longreach, Cunnamulla and Charleville. The shows continue to be worthwhile in terms of reminding stakeholders of the services provided by DPI&F and also by providing one-on-one opportunities for discussions about aspects of profitable primary industries with clients.

At the 8-10 May Longreach Show, positive feedback was received about the DPI&F site and service. This year's displays/attractions included the Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol (QBFP) trailer, DPI&F saleable publications, displays from Beef 2006, live sheep in auto drafter/weigher, 'Guess the Weight of the Ram' competition, DPI&F badge machine, biosecurity, Rosebank Research Station display, Meat & Livestock Australia/DPI&F training programs and near-infrared technology. There was also a DVD player on continuous play featuring fisheries, sheep, Rosebank Research Stations and the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS).

DPI&F Charleville staff supported the Tambo Stock Show on 22 April, the Charleville show on 11-12 May and the Cunnamulla show on 20 May. At Charleville, DPI&F displays consisted of information on Sheep and Cattle NLIS systems, fisheries extension materials, Grazing Land Management (GLM) for the Mulga Region, Sheep Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) information and products, DPI&F badge machine, animal welfare kids' activities and a GLM Pasture Plant Identification competition.

In addition, this year DPI&F Longreach staff supported both the Isisford Sheep and Wool and Landsborough Flock Ewe shows. These two shows offer a rich and rewarding stakeholder engagement opportunity with primary producers and every year DPI&F receives positive feedback about its contribution to these two wonderful country shows.

At the Isisford Sheep and Wool Show on 20 May, the DPI&F site took centre stage in the former wool pavilion promoting QBFP services, DPI&F saleable publications, Biosecurity and information services. The ever-popular DPI&F badge machine was an attraction. It was an excellent crowd this year and the DPI&F site had a steady flow of visitors, including many tourists seeking information about freshwater fishing regulations.

At the 3 June Landsborough Flock Ewe show in Muttaborra, DPI&F had an outdoor site this year, which attracted a stream of visitors throughout the day - drawn by the

saleable publications, DPI&F badge machine and 'Guess the Caption' competition. The site promoted fisheries, biosecurity (NLIS, animal welfare), training programs and information services.

DPI&F staff also supported the Mount Isa Show on 23-25 June and will support the Quilpie Show on 9 September.