

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 1368
Asked on Wednesday, 1 November 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the advertisements produced by his department to notify the public of either new restricted areas or a change to boundaries of restricted areas to prevent the spread of fire ants—

- (1) How many of these advertisements were produced in 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date (each year reported separately)?
- (2) How many maps depicting new restricted areas or changes to boundaries of restricted areas were included in advertisements produced in 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date (each year reported separately)?
- (3) What was the cost of these advertisements in 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date (each year reported separately)?

ANSWER:

As part of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program advertisements are placed in relevant newspapers for each declaration of a change to the Fire Ant Restricted Area.

Under the provisions of the *Plant Protection Regulation 2002*, notification of a declaration must be advertised in a newspaper circulating generally throughout Queensland and in a local daily newspaper circulating in the affected area.

The table below details the requested information.

Year	(1) Number of declarations advertised	(2) Number of area maps advertised in declarations	(3) Cost of advertising the declarations
2003-04	4	28	\$106,174.95
2004-05	3	8	\$42,050.62
2005-06	3	10	\$46,652.82
2006-07 (to date)	1	11	\$25,046.44