

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Asked on Thursday, 20 April 2006

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise of work done by Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries staff in relation to monitoring fish stocks in waterways – with particular emphasis on the Mary River?

ANSWER:

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) undertakes ongoing monitoring of fish stocks in Queensland waterways by two Fisheries Long-Term Monitoring Teams.

Fish stocks in 10 freshwater rivers across Queensland, including the Mary River, are monitored annually under this program.

Fish movements through fishways and fish stock in freshwater dams and weirs in Queensland are also monitored.

The Fisheries group participates in annual monitoring of fish stocks in rivers within the Murray-Darling Basin under a program called the Sustainable River Audit. This program is an initiative of the Murray Darling Basin Commission (MDBC) to monitor river health across the entire Murray-Darling Basin.

DPI&F is committed to delivering responsible management of Queensland's fisheries resources. DPI&F works in a collaborative manner with the community and other agencies to monitor fish stocks in inland waters.