

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**No. 13**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 6 February 2007**

**MRS SULLIVAN** asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

**QUESTION:**

How will the department's review of its Biosecurity Strategy build on its experience and capacity and prioritise biosecurity activities to respond to emerging risks?

**ANSWER:**

With the establishment of Biosecurity Queensland in the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries from 1 March 2007, there is a need for a new Biosecurity Strategy to set the direction of biosecurity policy in Queensland.

The new Biosecurity Strategy will build upon the existing biosecurity skills and expertise across Government and put risk-based decision making systems in place. It will cover biosecurity issues affecting primary industries, the environment and social amenity.

This Strategy is also a unique opportunity for the Government to engage stakeholder groups and the community on the biosecurity issues facing the State. There will be extensive stakeholder consultation on a Biosecurity Discussion Paper leading up to the release of the Strategy, which will have a renewed focus on partnerships with stakeholders.

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries will develop the Strategy during 2007, in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

An agreed biosecurity strategy is fundamental to the future positioning of Biosecurity Queensland nationally and internationally, and to the future direction of biosecurity risk management in Queensland.