

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 438
Asked on Thursday, 13 March 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise of the activities of the Land Protection Council and its relationship with the Department of Primary Industries?

ANSWER:

The Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Council is established in accordance with the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* and consists of 15 members including the chairperson. In accordance with the Act, and after consultation with the Minister for Natural Resources and Water, I appointed the Council late last year.

The Council's main function is to give advice of a strategic nature to myself about the management of invasive weeds and pest animals and to the Minister for Natural Resources and Water about the management of the stock route network.

The Council members are from local and State Government, rural industries, conservation interests and regional natural resource management and have a broad array of experience that relates to invasive weeds, pest animals and stock routes.

The current Council recently held its first meeting. It will make recommendations to me on matters such as major control and management programs for declared weeds and pest animals, research into the management of weeds and pest animals and the development, implementation and review of management plans for weeds and pest animals.

The advice on weeds and pest animals relates to the responsibilities that were transferred from the Department of Natural Resources and Water with the formation of Biosecurity Queensland on 1 March 2007.