

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**No. 565**  
**Asked on 17 April 2008**

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

**QUESTION:**

What areas/shires of Queensland are still drought declared and what percentage of Queensland is this?

**ANSWER:**

As at 24 April 2008, 60.2 percent of Queensland is drought declared under State processes.

Local Drought Committees throughout Queensland were meeting throughout April to assess the drought status of Local Government areas. These committees met to discuss the impact the summer rainfall event has had in drought affected regional councils and make a decision whether to continue or make a recommendation to me to revoke the drought status of the areas concerned.

While some regional councils have a full drought declaration status, others are subject to a partial declaration. Currently, the drought declaration status of individual regional councils is:

Balonne Regional Council	Full Declaration
Banana Regional Council	Full Declaration
Barcaldine Regional Council	Part Declaration
Barcoo Regional Council	Full Declaration
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Full Declaration
Boulia Regional Council	Full Declaration
Bulloo Regional Council	Full Declaration
Bundaberg Regional Council	Part Declaration
Central Highlands Regional Council	Part Declaration
Dalby Regional Council	Full Declaration
Diamantina Regional Council	Full Declaration
Flinders Regional Council	Full Declaration
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Part Declaration
Gladstone Regional Council	Part Declaration
Goondiwindi Regional Council	Full Declaration
Gympie Regional Council	Full Declaration
Ipswich City Council	Full Declaration
Isaac Regional Council	Part Declaration
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Full Declaration
Longreach Regional Council	Full Declaration
Murweh Regional Council	Full Declaration
North Burnett Regional Council	Full Declaration
Paroo Regional Council	Full Declaration
Quilpie Regional Council	Full Declaration
Richmond Regional Council	Full Declaration
Rockhampton Regional Council	Full Declaration
Roma Regional Council	Full Declaration
Scenic Rim Regional Council	Part Declaration
Somerset Regional Council	Full Declaration
South Burnett Regional Council	Full Declaration
Southern Downs Regional Council	Full Declaration
Toowoomba Regional Council	Part Declaration
Winton Regional Council	Full Declaration