

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**No. 725**  
**Asked on 17 October 2013**

**MR KATTER** asked the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (MR McVEIGH)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide an update on the level of funding that has been delivered to cattle producers to date, through the existing State Government Drought Assistance Package and can this be provided according to the separate categories of assistance?

**ANSWER:**

In May 2013, the Queensland Government announced a drought assistance package originally valued at \$11.2 million comprising a number of assistance measures for droughted landholders. As the area that is drought declared has increased, final expenditure and revenue foregone is likely to be higher than the original estimate unless there are significant drought-breaking rains. Revenue foregone and expenditure through these programs so far is provided in the table below:

<b>Program announced</b>	<b>Equivalent value estimated at 30 May 2013</b>	<b>Equivalent value spent to 17 October 2013</b>
Drought Relief Assistance Scheme * Fodder freight subsidies, water cartage subsidies, forced from agistment freight subsidies * Emergency water infrastructure rebate	\$7M	DRAS freight subsidies \$1.65M to date  DRAS emergency water infrastructure rebate \$0.927M to date
Leasehold rent rebate	Forgone revenue of \$1.2M	Foregone revenue of \$1.194M to date
Grazing in national parks and reserves for up to 25,000 head	Represents up to \$2.2M in free agistment. Up to \$0.5M in fencing costs for sensitive areas.	Estimated \$0.552M in free agistment to date. \$0.299M in infrastructure
DAFF Drought mobile offices	Up to \$0.035M outlay	\$28,793 to date
40 Mental Health and Psychological Health first aid courses	\$0.165M outlay	About to commence, but with additional workshops
Transport concessions	Est. \$100,000	Progressing
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.2M</b>	