

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Asked on 5 March 2014

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

QUESTION:

What progress is being made with relevant bodies and government departments in relation to moving the Helidon biosecurity horse dip, so that it is relocated to improve road safety?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for his new question on the Helidon Livestock Inspection Centre.

Since the matter was last raised by the Member for Lockyer in August last year, the Biosecurity Bill 2013 was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 6 March 2014. The new legislation offers opportunity for a more flexible and responsive system for movement of stock between different cattle tick areas to be developed.

This will include consideration of the need for and appropriate location of clearing facilities, including the Helidon facility, which will allow people to meet their obligations not to spread cattle ticks into the cattle tick free zone.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is continuing to investigate all available options and undertake discussions with the interested parties, including the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Lockyer Regional Council.

However should this facility be needed in the long term there is no doubt that the best solution to address the access issues at the Helidon Livestock Inspection Centre facility is to eventually relocate the facility.