

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 930

Asked on 13 October 2015

MRS FRECKLINGTON asked the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Sport and Racing (MR BYRNE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (a) the number of Wild Dog officers working for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (b) where they are based, and (c) which regions they manage?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

- (a) The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has 26.3 frontline Biosecurity Queensland Officers employed in the Invasive Plants and Animals Program within Biosecurity Queensland across the State. These officers are all involved in coordination, facilitation and support for local governments, community groups and landholders for pest management, including wild dog control.

Since 2012 the number of front line Biosecurity Queensland Officers involved in wild dog management has remained relatively stable apart from occasional vacancies.

- (b) The Invasive Plants and Animals field Biosecurity Officers, all of whom include wild dog control as part of their pest management activities, are based in 19 locations regionally across the state (refer to attached table).
- (c) The regions managed by the frontline Invasive Plants and Animals Biosecurity Officers are listed in the attached table.

Invasive Plants & Animals (Operations)

Designation	Centre based	Shires supported
MANAGER OPERATIONS	ESP	Whole State
North Region		
PRINCIPAL BIOSECURITY OFFICER	TOWNSVILLE	Whole North Region
Senior Biosecurity Officer	MAREEBA	Carpentaria, Mareeba, Etheridge, Croydon
Biosecurity Officer	CAIRNS	Cook, Torres, Cape Indigenous Communities
Biosecurity Officer	MAREEBA	Tablelands
Biosecurity Officer	CAIRNS	Douglas, Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Hinchinbrook, Indigenous Communities
Biosecurity Officer	CLONCURRY	Burke, Gulf Indigenous Communities, Mt Isa, Cloncurry, McKinlay, Richmond, Flinders
Biosecurity Officer	CHARTERS TOWERS	Charters Towns, Townsville, Burdekin, Indigenous Communities
Central Region		
PRINCIPAL BIOSECURITY OFFICER	MACKAY	Whole Central Region
Senior Biosecurity Officer	LONGREACH	Boulia, Diamantina, Winton, Barcoo, Longreach
Senior Biosecurity Officer	ROCKHAMPTON	Livingstone, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Banana,
Biosecurity Officer	EMERALD	Barcaldine, Blackall-Tambo, Central Highlands, Indigenous Communities
Biosecurity Officer	MACKAY	Whitsunday, Mackay, Isaac
Biosecurity Officer	BLACKALL	Central West (wild dog best practice)
South Region		
PRINCIPAL BIOSECURITY OFFICER	TOOWOOMBA	Whole South Region
Senior Biosecurity Officer	CHARLEVILLE	South West (wild dog best practice)
Senior Biosecurity Officer	DALBY	Western Queensland (wild dog best practice)
Senior Biosecurity Officer	DALBY	Western Downs, Maranoa
Biosecurity Officer	CHARLEVILLE	Quilpie, Murweh, Bulloo, Paroo
Biosecurity Officer	TOOWOOMBA	Toowoomba, Southern Downs
Biosecurity Officer	GOONDIWINDI	Goondiwindi, Balonne
South East Region		
PRINCIPAL BIOSECURITY OFFICER	NAMBOUR	Whole Southeast Region
REGIONAL EXTENSION OFFICER	NAMBOUR	South East (pest management extension and engagement)
Senior Biosecurity Officer	WACOL	Brisbane, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Somerset
Biosecurity Officer	GOLD COAST	Gold Coast, Scenic Rim, Logan, Redland
Biosecurity Officer	NAMBOUR	Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Gympie, Fraser Coast
Biosecurity Officer	KINGAROY	South Burnett, North Burnett, Bundaberg, Indigenous Communities
Biosecurity Officer	BEAUDESERT	South East (wild dog best practice)