

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1192**

**Asked on 18 September 2018**

**MR S KING ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—**

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister outline any recent exercises to test biosecurity preparations in Queensland?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

Biosecurity Queensland has delivered a number of recent exercises:

Exercise Border Bridge – a major joint exercise with the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries. More than 260 people from across Australia participated in the exercise, including representatives from government and industry. The Exercise involved the establishment and management of two separate State Coordination Centres in New South Wales and Queensland, and a Joint Local Control Centre in Toowoomba.

Exercises Dragonglass and Obsidian – Exercises to test the arrangements for supply and distribution of simulated Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine and vaccination equipment from international suppliers to a designated vaccine centre in Queensland and then to the producer (i.e. farm gate).

Exercise Bee Prepared – Biosecurity Queensland personnel participated in a national exercise program focussing on the rapid implementation of a response to a Varroa destructor (Varroa mite) detection in Queensland.

Biosecurity Queensland personnel have also participated in the National Marine Pest Exercise Program. The scenario focused on the potential impact and response activities that would be undertaken to manage a marine pest emergency.

Biosecurity Queensland has led a number of biosecurity focussed discussion exercises with Local Disaster Management Groups (2), District Disaster Management Groups (5), and Community Recovery Groups (2) across Queensland.