

**Question on Notice**

**No. 966**

**Asked on 22 August 2018**

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

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise (a) what financial assistance has been provided to cattle producers to assist them in dealing with anthrax outbreaks in the St George district and (b) have all affected landholders received assistance from the State Government?

**ANSWER:**

The Palaszczuk Government continues to provide in-kind assistance to cattle producers affected by anthrax in the St George district.

There have been five incidents of anthrax in the St George - Dirranbandi district since 2000, with four of these occurring in the last two years.

The 2017 index case of anthrax was significant in that more than 120 animals died over a very short time. In this instance, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries funded regional council contractors to complete the disposal of carcasses, funded and completed decontamination of a number of sites, undertook surveillance and some feral animal control.

Queensland livestock producers in the anthrax belt can be reasonably expected to consider their exposure to anthrax risk, to take appropriate preventive measures to manage the risk, including preventative vaccination, and to respond quickly and effectively to an incident on their property. The department will continue to work with industry partners to provide advice to producers.