

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1803**

**Asked on 24 October 2019**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Australian dam desilting rebate for livestock producers—

Will the Minister advise in relation to the applications for the rebate, the total number of applications made, refused, approved, currently being processed, and the average timeframe for approved applications (reported separately)?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question. As at 4 November 2019:

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| Individual properties paid            | 299                   |
| Average processing time               | 17 days               |
| <b>Total value of all claims paid</b> | <b>\$1,112,200.18</b> |

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| <b>Total Claims Received</b> | <b>412</b> |
|                              |            |
| Paid Claims                  | 320        |
| Being Processed for Payment  | 19         |
| Waiting to be Processed      | 52         |
| Returned to Client           | 21         |

For the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS), the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has a target of processing 90 per cent of eligible claims within 21 working days of receipt. DAF is currently meeting this target.

Please note that there have been a number of property owners who have made more than one claim which accounts for the difference between properties paid and claims paid.

There are various reasons for claims to be returned to the client, including: insufficient information on the application; that the applicant was not eligible (for example: they were not drought declared); the applicant did not submit an endorsed Dam Desilting Statement; or the client withdrew his or her application.