

Question on Notice

No. 1938

Asked on 28 November 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Biosecurity Queensland Ministerial Advisory Council (BQMAC)—

Will the Minister advise (a) the date of the last BQMAC meeting, (b) the recommendations from the last BQMAC meeting, (c) how many of these recommendations have been accepted and implemented and (d) the names of the individuals and the organisations they represent currently sitting on BQMAC?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I refer the Member to Question on Notice No. 504 for responses that address parts (a) (b) and (c) of the question. In relation to part d) of the question, the new BQMAC consists of ten ordinary members and an *ex officio* member who represent a variety of peak industry organisations combined with expertise and skills required for the role. BQMAC provides strategic advice on biosecurity rather than specifically representing individual organisations' requirements for biosecurity. Membership of the council is as follows:

- Scott Spencer as the independent chair has a proven history in strategic policy and operational delivery initiatives in fisheries and natural resource management
- Dr Aaron Dodd is a Research Fellow / Deputy Director, Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis, University of Melbourne
- Professor Maxine Whittaker is the Dean of the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences at James Cook University
- Sarah Buckler from the Local Government Association of Queensland
- Dr Rachel McFadyen has extensive experience in weeds and invasive pest management
- Janine Clark from Growcom
- Michelle McKinlay from the Australian Banana Growers' Council
- Will Wilson from AgForce
- John Coward who is a specialist consultant and has direct involvement with Queensland Pork Producers, Egg Farmers of Australia Ltd and Queensland United Egg Producers Pty Ltd
- Peter Black from Essential Foresight who has broad experience including one health and ecohealth challenges
- Malcom Letts, *ex officio* Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.