

Question on Notice
No. 341
Asked on 27 March 2019

MRS C MULLEN ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise of any awareness programs that may be currently underway to sure up Queensland's marine pest biosecurity?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Biosecurity Queensland is currently implementing the Queensland Marine Pest Prevention and Preparedness Project to improve marine biosecurity capability in Queensland and to protect our marine environment and industries from the threat of marine pests.

Biosecurity Queensland is engaging government, industry and the maritime community to work together to minimise marine pest threats through increasing knowledge and awareness and building Queenslander's marine pest prevention and preparedness capability.

The campaign is aimed to develop stakeholder awareness:

- to build knowledge to recognise potential marine pests;
- be motivated to report potential marine pests;
- know how to collect and report a suspected marine pest;
- electronic and print material will provide quick and easy access to marine pest information and practical marine pest risk mitigation steps;
- a marine pest detection response kit will be available for primary stakeholders providing simple steps and supplies to respond to a suspected marine pest; and
- marine pest prevention and preparedness, education and awareness sessions for key stakeholders in coastal regional centres.

The Palaszczuk Government is proactively protecting Queensland's valuable marine environment.

I urge the marine community to LOOK REPORT PROTECT.