

Question on Notice

No. 473

Asked on 2 April 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Agriculture Ministerial Advisory Committee—

Will the Minister provide (a) the dates of previous meetings outlining which groups were in attendance, (b) a list of all actionable items from these meetings and (c) a list of actionable items that have been completed?

ANSWER:

- a) The Agricultural Ministerial Advisory Council (AgMAC) held its inaugural meeting on 10 July 2018 and a second meeting on 25 September 2018.

Representatives from AgMAC member organisations, the Queensland Farmers' Federation and AgForce, attended the July and September meetings. The Honourable Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, also attended the September meeting.

- b) Actions from the meetings included:

- committing to deliver a portfolio statement by the end of 2018 and develop a longer-term agribusiness and food strategy;
- committing to engage AgMAC during the development of the agribusiness and food strategy;
- committing to investigate options for better protecting agricultural interests in Queensland;
- noting that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has engaged a consultant to review the feasibility of removing stamp duty on agricultural insurance products and reducing the reliance of primary producers on Government assistance for climate risks such as drought and natural disasters; and
- noting that other formal bodies within Biosecurity Queensland provide support on biosecurity policy and operational matters.

- c) Following the September 2018 meeting, I can confirm the following:

- I released the 'Growing for Queensland' portfolio statement at the AgFutures Innovation and Investment Forum in November 2018;
- DAF has commenced the process for developing an agribusiness and food industry development strategy, and will update AgMAC members on progress at the next scheduled meeting;
- DAF is continuing to work with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and other stakeholders on an agreed way forward for better protecting agricultural interests in Queensland;
- the consultant's feasibility review on stamp duty is still underway;

- the Biosecurity Queensland Ministerial Advisory Committee has been reinvigorated, and expressions of interest for membership on the committee are currently open.