

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 4 April 2019

MS A LEAHY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the devastating floods in the north west of the State—

Will the Minister seek additional funding to replace the hundreds of kilometres of fencing washed away along stock routes, reserves and state owned land?

ANSWER:

The flooding that has occurred in North Queensland as a result of the North and Far North Queensland monsoon trough is a disaster of tragic proportions for many of the affected local communities.

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy is actively responding to requests from some local governments within the impacted area to repair state-owned stock route water facilities which have been damaged. Some repairs include replacing fences around assets, such as dams.

These requests are being considered within the department's stock route capital works program.

Predominately, fencing on stock routes and state-owned lands is boundary or internal fencing by the adjoining landholder.

The Queensland Government is actively supporting these landowners by including repairs to fencing as an eligible activity under the Disaster Assistance Loans and /or Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants schemes administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority.