

Question on Notice

No. 965

Asked on 12 June 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the commencement of a \$136.80 fee for farms to be registered as a ‘biosecurity entity’— Will the Minister advise (a) the number of ‘biosecurity entities’ in Queensland required to pay this fee and (b) how much revenue does the Government anticipate to raise from the fee in 2019-20?

ANSWER:

The legislative requirement for people to be registered as a biosecurity entity was put in place in 2014 under the Liberal National Party with the passage of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

As provided in a previous question on this matter, the total number of commercial primary producers in Queensland required to pay the biosecurity entity fee will be finalised at year’s end.

The Queensland Government anticipates that approximately \$1.771 million in revenue will be raised in the 2019-20 financial year by the biosecurity entity registration fee, either through initial registration or renewal. It should be noted that the fee is for a three-year registration term.