

Question on Notice

No. 122

Asked on 6 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the number of individuals who have been charged and convicted under the increased biosecurity fines that came into effect on 29 April 2019 through amendments to the Biosecurity Regulation 2016?

ANSWER:

As of 11 February 2020, there have been two (2) infringement notices issued for the offence under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016.

These fines do not require a person to be charged or convicted for the fine to be issued.

Since the regulation was introduced on 26 April 2019, there has been a noticeable reduction in on farm invasions.

Government and industry continue to work together to ensure biosecurity is prioritised for farms.

For a fine to be issued, the premises must:

- be a registered biosecurity entity;
- have a biosecurity plan; and
- have signage on their entrances.

Since Queensland introduced these fines, other states such as New South Wales have followed Queensland's lead with a similar approach.