

**Question on Notice**

**No. 523**

**Asked on 21 May 2020**

**MR S ANDREW ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—**

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide advice on (a) public disclosure of nominated disposal sites for pigs infected with African Swine Flu (ASF) and (b) additional quarantine measures to deal with management and disposal of feral pigs likely to be infected with ASF?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

I will answer the question in the context of African swine fever.

In Australia, the AUSVETPLAN describes the nationally-agreed approach for the response to emergency animal disease incidents. The default policy for African swine fever (ASF) is to control and eradicate the disease in the shortest possible time using stamping out while minimising socio economic impacts.

Biosecurity controls to deal with management and disposal of feral pigs confirmed to be infected with ASF will be applied in line with the AUSVETPLAN strategy and Queensland's emergency animal disease response plan for ASF. The appropriate disposal sites will be determined through joint assessment between the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Environment and Science.

Public disclosure of disposal sites will be in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.