

Question on Notice

No. 7

Asked on 4 February 2020

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent deaths of thirty-two horses and eight remaining horses at Charlton— Will the Minister advise if (a) the owner of the animals will be charged with neglect and animal cruelty and (b) the owner has previously been charged with neglect and animal cruelty?

ANSWER:

Biosecurity Queensland is thoroughly investigating allegations of animal cruelty on a property at Charlton in accordance with the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*.

While this active investigation is being undertaken, it is inappropriate to make comment on any aspect of the investigation, including any previous charges, that could compromise any potential prosecution.