

**Question on Notice**

**No. 722**

**Asked on 27 May 2021**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Queensland Animal Welfare Advisory Board— Will the Minister confirm (a) how many times has the board met since its inception in August 2016, (b) what recommendations have come from the board meetings and (c) what findings from the board are being included as part of the Queensland Government's major review of Queensland's animal welfare laws?

**ANSWER:**

The Animal Welfare Advisory Board (the Board) was established under Section 211 of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* to provide expert, impartial advice to the Minister on animal welfare matters to improve the welfare of animals in Queensland.

The Board has met on fifteen (15) occasions since its appointment in June 2016.

Under Section 7.4 of the Board's Terms of Reference, all correspondence, deliberations, decisions and advice of the Animal Welfare Advisory Board are confidential.

The review of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* is being managed by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Department is seeking broad community views on the current legislative framework of the Act to ensure contemporary legislation underpins animal welfare in Queensland.

Past considerations and advice from the Board will be considered as part of the review.