

Question on Notice

No. 1443

Asked on 30 November 2022

MR S ANDREW asked the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the use of animals in scientific and medical research in Queensland—
Will the Minister advise (reported separately by year since 2018) (a) how many genetically modified animals have been produced in Queensland, (b) the number of independent risk assessments the government has obtained on the creation and use of these animals in Queensland and (c) the total number of independent site inspections that have been carried out in Queensland, of facilities where the ‘scientific use’ of animals takes place?

ANSWER:

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries’ (DAF) Animal and Ethics Committee (AEC) is responsible for considering the use of animals for scientific purposes in DAF and some other organisations.

(a) The DAF AEC has not been involved in any genetically modified animal research applications. DAF does not have access to information on research conducted by other organisations that have their own animal ethics committees.

(b) The DAF AEC does not have access to any information about independent risk assessments for genetically modified animal research in Queensland.

(c) In 2021/22, the DAF AEC conducted 18 site inspections, 22 site inspections in 2019/20, and 28 site inspections in 2018/19. The DAF AEC is only one of several AECs in Queensland. The total number of site inspections by the various AECs is not collated and held centrally.