

Question on Notice

No. 348

Asked on 3 April 2025

MS N BOYD ASKED MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WATER AND MINISTER FOR FIRE, DISASTER RECOVERY AND VOLUNTEERS (HON A LEAHY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Section 21E of the *Disaster Management Act 2003* — Will the Minister provide (a) the number of meetings Mr Andrew Cripps has held with the chief executive of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) (including date, time and location) since his appointment as the North Queensland State Recovery Coordinator, (b) the advice or reports Mr Cripps has provided to either the chief executive of the QRA or the Minister and/or the Minister's office?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Premier appointed Andrew Cripps as the State Recovery Coordinator (SRC) to spearhead recovery efforts in north Queensland following the devastating flood event that started in late January 2025.

As a North Queenslander, he brings a wealth of local knowledge, government experience and leadership to the role.

Since commencing in the role, Mr Cripps has been working closely with local governments, community groups and industry on the specific recovery needs of North Queensland's impacted communities. Mr Cripps continues to provide strategic advice to government agencies, and regular updates about recovery operations to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) officers and its CEO.

(a) The SRC has met with QRA CEO Major General (ret'd) Jake Ellwood as outlined in the table below:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, 12 February 2025	3:30PM	In-person. Townsville
Thursday, 13 February 2025	7:00PM	Phone call
Saturday, 15 February 2025	1:00PM	In-person. Ingham
Monday, 17 February 2025	4:30PM	In-person. Brisbane
Tuesday, 18 February 2025	3:00PM	In-person. Brisbane
Wednesday, 19 February 2025	6:20PM	Phone call
Thursday, 20 February 2025	6:50PM	Phone call
Monday, 24 February 2025	12:50PM	Phone call
Tuesday, 25 February 2025	4:50PM	Phone call
Wednesday, 26 February 2025	7:00PM	Phone call
Thursday, 27 February 2025	5:45PM	Phone call

Thursday, 6 March 2025	7:50AM	Phone call
Friday, 7 March 2025	8:05PM	Phone call
Wednesday, 12 March 2025	4:30PM	MS Teams
Thursday, 13 March 2025	5:15PM	Phone call
Saturday, 15 March 2025	11:30AM	Phone call
Monday, 17 March 2025	11:00AM	In-person. Brisbane
Monday, 17 March 2025	7:50PM	Phone call
Friday, 21 March 2025	9:30AM	MS Teams
Monday, 24 March 2025	4:30PM	In-person. Brisbane
Wednesday, 26 March 2025	4:25PM	Phone call
Thursday, 27 March 2025	11:40AM	Phone call
Friday, 28 March 2025	7:45PM	Phone call
Tuesday, 1 April 2025	5:15PM	Phone call
Tuesday, 8 April 2025	3:00PM	In-person. Brisbane

In addition, the SRC attended the following meetings where he provided verbal briefings to the Premier and/or QRA's CEO as outlined in the table below:

Date	Time	Meeting
Wednesday, 12 February 2025	8:00AM	Queensland Disaster Management Committee
Friday, 14 February 2025	3:00PM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Tuesday, 18 February 2025	1:30PM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Friday, 21 February 2025	9:30AM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Tuesday, 25 February 2025	9:30AM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Tuesday, 4 March 2025	1:30PM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Monday, 10 March 2025	11:00AM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Friday, 14 March 2025	11:00AM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Tuesday, 18 March 2025	10:00AM	QRA Board Meeting
Tuesday, 18 March 2025	1:30PM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Friday, 21 March 2025	11:00AM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Friday, 28 March 2025	1:30PM	State Recovery and Resilience Group
Friday, 4 April 2025	11:00AM	State Recovery and Resilience Group

(b) From 17 to 28 February 2025, Mr Cripps provided eight SRC Daily Recovery Summary Reports to both QRA's CEO and the Minister. Since the frequency of reporting moved from daily to weekly, from 7 March 2025 to 4 April, five weekly SRC Reports have been produced and provided to QRA and the Minister.

These reports include information provided in confidence by councils, local disaster management groups, community and industry organisations and government agencies to inform disaster recovery and therefore are not appropriate for wider distribution.

Mr Cripps is working with QRA and the State Recovery Coordinators appointed for the other major natural disaster events in 2025 - Tropical Cyclone Alfred and the Western Queensland Floods - in the development of a State Recovery Plan which will be provided to Government following the conclusion of the 2024-25 disaster season.