

Question on Notice

No. 750

Asked on 24 June 2025

MR T SMITH asked the Minister for Primary Industries (HON A PERRETT)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's election commitment to hire 100 new biosecurity staff—Will the Minister advise since 1 November 2024 (a) the number of new biosecurity staff that have been hired and (b) the positions the new staff have filled?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for his interest in biosecurity. Rebuilding Queensland's frontline biosecurity presence is vital given the reduction in animal welfare and biosecurity staff during the past decade. Funding for these roles was provided in the Crisafulli Government's first Budget in June 2025.

Six positions have been filled. The six positions are:

- 3 x Senior Officer (SO) Regional Biosecurity Directors
- 1 x PO5 Principal Operational Veterinarian
- 2 x PO3 Operational Veterinarians

An additional eleven regional positions are currently in active recruitment. In line with our government's commitment, we are on track to deliver the positions during this term of government.

The member can visit the Queensland Government's Smart Jobs website to keep informed about advertisements for positions.