

Question on Notice

No. 245

Asked on 20 February 2020

MS A LEAHY ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what new programs have been implemented in 2020 under the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme transition as part of the Drought Program Review, including how the new programs are to be administered and how primary producers have been consulted on the development of these new programs?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government in 2019 conducted a Drought Program Review led by Mr Charles Burke and Ms Ruth Wade. The Drought Program Review sought submissions from the public and also held public consultation forums across Queensland to consult with primary producers and the agricultural industry.

The Palaszczuk Government's response to the report includes the Queensland Drought Management Framework 2019-2024 for future drought preparedness, response and recovery. This Framework outlines the range of programs that will be available in each phase of drought, that is: preparedness, response and recovery.

The Palaszczuk Government continues to work with an Industry Working Group on the design and implementation of new measures and has also held workshops with individual industry groups on aspects of the implementation of the Queensland Drought Management Framework.

Further information on the Drought Program Review is available on www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/drought-program-review-report.