

BIOSECURITY GROUPS — ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

**692. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to biosecurity groups recognised under section 169 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act that control declared pests in a prescribed area as part of the declared pest rate scheme.

- (1) What reporting requirements are put on biosecurity groups for income, expenditure and activities undertaken?
- (2) Are these reports made public; and, if so, when?
- (3) What activities do biosecurity groups undertake as part of their reporting?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

- (1) Recognised biosecurity groups are required to submit annual reports and audited financial statements. This is carried out under section 170 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development works with the RBGs to continuously improve these processes.
- (2) Yes. Reports submitted under section 170 of the BAM act are required under section 171 to be published on the department's electronic website. RBGs are required to submit reports by 31 October.
- (3) The reports cover both operational and strategic plans. Reports are presented to the RBG committees at their respective annual general meetings and distributed to the wider community through RBG networks. The department works with the RBGs to build their capacity in planning and reporting.