

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday 9 August 2022

C685. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

I refer to the \$15 million set out in the 2021-22 State Budget towards funding 22 additional biosecurity positions within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and I ask:

1. How many of these positions have been filled to date?
2. Can the Minister please provide:
 - a) The title of each of the 22 additional positions?
 - b) The primary duties of each of the positions?
 - c) The location of each of the positions?

Answer

- 1) 20 of the 22 positions have been filled.
- 2) These positions cover critical roles in biosecurity surveillance, biosecurity response preparedness, and incident and emergency management. They include veterinary officers, policy officers, scientific officers, research scientists and biosecurity officers as well as logistics, operations, and public information officers for emergency response.

I seek leave to table detailed further information.



Job Title	Role	Location
Plant Threat Preparedness - Senior Scientific Officer	Plant Biosecurity Preparedness and incident response activities	Perth
Plant Threat Preparedness - Scientific Officer	Plant Biosecurity Preparedness and incident response activities	Perth
Plant Threat Preparedness - Project/Policy Officer	Plant Biosecurity Preparedness and incident response activities	Perth
Livestock Threat Preparedness - Senior Veterinary Officer	Emergency disease preparedness and operational response	Perth
Livestock Threat Preparedness - Veterinary Officer (Policy)	Emergency preparedness for intensive industries	Perth
Livestock Threat Preparedness - Veterinary Officer (Policy)	National Emergency Animal Disease preparedness liaison	Perth
Aquatic Health Preparedness - Principal Policy Officer	Aquatic Industry response deed development and preparedness	Perth
Emergency Training and Exercising Support Officer - Project Officer	Emergency management learning and development. May also fill an incident management role and/or provide mentoring for nominated roles,	Perth Albany
Aquatic Health Surveillance - Veterinary Officer (Policy)	Aquatic industry emergency disease planning; national commitments; early detection	Perth
Plant Early Detection/Surveillance Team Lead - Senior Biosecurity Officer	Plant Biosecurity early detection and surveillance activities	Kununurra
Plant Early Detection/Surveillance Officers - Research Scientist	Plant Biosecurity early detection and surveillance activities	Carnarvon, Albany
Plant Early Detection/Surveillance Officers - Biosecurity Officers	Plant Biosecurity early detection and surveillance activities	Perth

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Plant Early Detection/Surveillance Officers - Biosecurity Officers	Plant Biosecurity early detection and surveillance activities	Geraldton
Livestock Early Detection/Surveillance - Veterinary Officer (Field)	Field based emergency animal disease preparedness	Narrogin
Livestock Early Detection/Surveillance - Veterinary Officer (Field)	Early detection, disease investigations and stakeholder engagement in Northern Australia	Kununurra
Incident Operational Manager - Senior Project Officer	Development of operations staff, development and delivery of processes, systems, training, exercises and documentation for operations. Incident operations manager for high level incidents	Perth
Incident Logistic Support Officer - Project Officer	Development of logistics staff, development and maintenance of operational policies, procedures and systems for effective implementation in emergency response, Incident Logistics Officer for high level incidents	Perth
Incident Logistic Support Officer - Project Officer	Development of logistics staff, development and maintenance of operational policies, procedures and systems for effective implementation in emergency response, Incident Logistics Officer for high level incidents	Perth
Incident Public Information Manager - Senior Project Officer	Development of integrated communications for biosecurity incidents. Public information function in an emergency response. Coordinates development of media, social media, internal communications, call centre	Perth

	material, digital communications, stakeholder engagement.	
<i>E. canis</i> Transition to Management Project Officer - Senior Biosecurity Officer	Emergency Disease awareness and education activity	Perth