

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question no: RPI 01

Division/Agency: RPI

Topic: Tabling of the Dairy Australia Annual Report

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Senator O'Brien asked:

In November Mr Murnane confirmed that the minister is required to table a statement that he is satisfied that Dairy Australia is fully compliant with the terms of its statutory funding agreement with the Commonwealth and that the act requires that that statement be tabled soon after the AGM. The AGM was held on 25 November last year. I may have missed it but I could not find any record of the minister tabling the required statement. Has it happened? If not, why not?

Answer:

A draft compliance statement was provided by the Department to the Minister's office on 20 February 2006. Subsequent to this, the Department has provided further information to the Minister's office to help facilitate his consideration of the draft compliance statement.

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Question no.: RPI 02 & 03

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Topic: Exceptional Circumstance declaration

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Senator O'Brien asked:

Can someone provide the committee with an update on the areas that are currently in receipt of Exceptional Circumstances assistance?

Can we get that information on a state-by-state basis, if possible, and also how long each area has been in receipt of assistance?

Can you on notice provide the details of the areas and the extensions or non-extensions?

Answer:

Exceptional Circumstances (EC) Assistance (as at 14 February 2006)

Application Area	EC Eligibility	Extension Status	EC Assistance Start Date	EC Assistance End Date
New South Wales				
Bourke and Brewarrina RLPBs	All producers	Extended for 12mths	19/09/02	12/11/2006
Majority Western Division (incl Cobar buffer zone)	All producers	Extended for 7mths	21/11/2002	30/06/2006
Walgett/ Coonamble	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	21/11/2006	21/07/2006
Grafton and Kempsey RLPBs	All producers	Extended for 2mths	21/11/2006	05/02/2006
Riverina RLPB	Dryland producers	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2002	21/07/2006
Riverina RLPB	Irrigated dairy	Extended for 12mths	09/12/2002	05/02/2007
Eastern Riverina	Dryland producers	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2002	21/07/2006
Eastern Riverina	Irrigated dairy	Extended for 12mths	09/12/2002	05/02/2007
Moss Vale/South Coast	Dairy, sheep, beef, tree fruit producers & apiarists	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 2mths	09/12/2002	08/05/2006
South West Slopes and Plains	Dryland livestock & crop producers	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2002	21/07/2006

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South West Slopes and Plains	Crop producers with 2 consecutive failed main annual crops in 2001-02, 2002-03, or 2003-04	Yet to be reviewed ¹	09/12/2002	18/05/2006
Portions of South West Slopes and Plains – not reinstated in July 2005	All dryland producers	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 5mths	09/12/2002	22/05/2006
South West Slopes and Plains	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Yet to be reviewed	21/07/2005	11/10/2006
North East Northern New England	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	26/11/2002	21/07/2006
Northern New England	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2002	11/08/2006
Casino	All producers	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 2mths	6/12/2002	05/02/06
Central North/North West	Livestock	Extended for 12mths	09/12/2002	21/07/2006
Central North/North West	Crop producers with 2 consecutive failed crops in 2001-02, 2002-03, or 2003-04	Yet to be reviewed	09/12/2002	18/05/2006
Central North/North West	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Yet to be reviewed	12/10/2005	11/10/2006
Condobolin (Div C & D) - Narrandera (Div A)	All producers	Extended for 12mths	09/12/2002	30/06/2006
Nyngan RLPB	Livestock & croppers. Eligibility expanded to all producers for 2 nd extension	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 7mths	09/12/2002	30/06/2006
Nyngan RLPB	Crop producers with 2 consecutive failed main annual crops in 2001-02, 2002-03, or 2003-04	Yet to be reviewed	09/12/2002	18/05/2006
Nyngan RLPB	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Yet to be reviewed	21/07/2005	11/10/2006
Hay	Livestock & croppers. Eligibility expanded to all producers for 2 nd extension	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 7mths	09/12/2002	30/06/2006
Hay	Crop producers with 2 consecutive failed main annual crops in 2001-02, 2002-03, or 2003-04	Yet to be reviewed	09/12/2002	18/05/2006
Hay	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Yet to be reviewed	21/07/2005	11/10/2006
Young	Stone fruit producers	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2002	21/07/2006
Young	All broadacre livestock & crop producers with 2 consecutive failed winter crops in 2002 and 2003	Extended for 4mths	09/12/2002	09/04/2006
Armidale	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2002	11/08/2006
Forbes RLPB	All producers	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 7mths	09/12/2002	11/08/2006

¹ “Yet to be reviewed” are still within their initial assistance period.

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Hume RLPB	All producers	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 2mths	09/12/2002	28/08/2006
Dubbo RLPB	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2002	22/10/2006
Condobolin A & B	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Yet to be reviewed	12/10/2005	11/10/2006
Condobolin A & B	Livestock producers (crop producers with two failed annual crops in either 2001 & 2002 or 2002 & 2003)	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 7mths	09/12/2002	20/10/2006
Molong RLPB	Livestock producers (crop producers with two failed annual crops in either 2002 & 2003)	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 7mths	09/12/2002	22/10/2006
Molong RLPB	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Yet to be reviewed	12/10/2005	11/10/2006
Central Tablelands	Livestock producers	Extension for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 7mths	09/12/2005	01/10/2006
Central Tablelands	Crop producers with 2 consecutive failed main annual crops in 2001-02, 2002-03, or 2003-04	Yet to be reviewed	09/12/2002	18/05/2006
Central Tablelands	Two failed crops (previously not eligible)	Yet to be reviewed	12/10/2005	11/10/2006
Braidwood	All producers	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 6mths	09/12/2002	01/10/2006
Mudgee-Merriwa	Broadacre producers	Reinstated for 12mths	09/12/2005	01/10/2006
Goulburn and Yass	All producers (horticulture & viticulture were excluded from application)	Extended for 7mths	02/10/2003	12/11/2006
Gundagai (Div B & C east of the Hume Hwy, Division D)	All producers (horticulture & viticulture were excluded from application)	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 2mths	2/10/2003	12/11/2006
Gundagai RLPB District (Tree Crop Growers)	Tree crop producers	Yet to be reviewed	04/11/2004	24/01/2007
Cooma/Bombala/ACT	All producers	Yet to be reviewed	26/07/2004	30/08/2006
Murray Valley	Rice producers	Yet to be reviewed	25/01/2005	07/04/2007
Northern Tablelands Small Areas	All producers	Yet to be reviewed	14/09/2005	11/08/2006
Queensland				
Peak Downs	All producers	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 6mths	13/11/2002	18/06/2006
South-West Queensland	Livestock & croppers with successive crop failures	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 12mths	9/12/2002	04/02/2007
Sunshine Coast	Livestock producers	Reinstated for 6mths	24/02/2003	28/05/2006
Stanthorpe/ Inglewood	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	31/03/2003	18/08/2006
Western Downs & Maranoa	Livestock and crop producers with successive crop failures	Reinstated for 12mths	20/03/2003	21/07/2006
Central Coast	Livestock producers, (incl. dairy); broadacre croppers, horticulture producers	Reinstated for 12mths	10/04/2003	21/07/2006

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Central Coast	Remaining producers excl. sugar, fruit and vegetable producers in the Bowen Shire	Yet to be reviewed	19/05/2004	18/05/2006
Central Coast	Dryland and partially irrigated sugar producers	Yet to be reviewed	24/12/2004	23/12/2006
Southern South East	Dairy, beef, pork, horticulture & nursery	Reinstated for 12mths	10/04/2003	21/07/2006
Southern South East	Remaining producers excl. sugar & chicken meat producers	Yet to be reviewed	19/05/2004	18/05/2006
Burnett	Cattle, dairy, pig, horticulture (excl. citrus) & crop producers (excl. sugar) with two failed summer crops	Extended for 12mths	16/06/2003	14/09/2006
Burnett -Pork addendum	Pork producers	Reviewed – not extended ²	23/12/2003	23/03/2006
Burnett -Dairy addendum	Dairy producers	Extended for 10mths	23/12/2003	22/10/2006
Southern Murweh	All producers	Extended for 12mths	04/07/2003	11/08/2006
Northern Darling Downs	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	25/07/2003	21/07/2006
Central Darling Downs	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	25/07/2003	21/07/2006
Southern Darling Downs	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	25/07/2003	21/07/2006
Atherton Tablelands	Dairy and pork producers	Extended for 6mths (dairy only)	31/08/2003	28/05/2006
Emerald Bauhinia	All producers (except cotton & horticulture)	Extended for 6mths	30/10/2003	22/06/2006
Mackay/Whitsunday	Dairy and beef producers	Extended for 6mths	30/10/2003	11/07/2006
Mackay/Whitsunday	Dryland and partially irrigated sugar producers	Yet to be reviewed	30/10/2003	23/12/2006
Central Mid West (including Aramac Shire)	All producers	Extended for 6mths	30/10/2003 (13/11/2003 for Aramac)	22/06/2006
Hinchinbrook and Thuringowa	All producers excl. canegrowers	Extended for 12mths (excl. canegrowers)	12/01/2004	11/01/2007
North West Ashy Downs	All producers	Yet to be reviewed	14/04/2004	24/06/2006
Victoria				
Goulburn/Loddon/Campaspe Irrigation Areas	Irrigated dairy producers. Goulburn and Loddon	Extension 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 6mths	09/12/2002	05/08/2006
Goulburn/Loddon/Campaspe Irrigation Areas	Irrigated dairy producers Campaspe	Extension 12mths; reviewed; further extension 12mths	09/12/2002	05/02/2007
Eastern Mallee	Non-irrigated livestock and crop producers with 2 failed winter crops in 2001 to 2004	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 12mths	15/12/2002	17/03/2007
North East, Victoria	Non-irrigated livestock (including dairy), non irrigated croppers with 2 failed crops, aquaculturalists and certain horticulturists	Reinstated for 12mths	04/04/2003	21/07/2006
Central Victoria (incl. Whittlesea)	All producers	Reinstated for 12mths	04/04/2003 (09/12/2002 Whittlesea)	21/07/2006
Northern Victoria	Beef cattle and sheep producers	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 8mths	09/12/2002	04/08/2006

² Still receiving ECIRS until 23/3/06

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Central and East Gippsland	Dryland producers	Extended for 12mths	26/08/2003	22/12/2006
South East Mallee	Dryland producers	Yet to be reviewed	13/12/2004	07/03/2007
Murray Irrigation Area	Irrigated dairy producers	Yet to be reviewed	04/04/2005	02/06/2007
Mallee-Northern Wimmera & addendum	Dryland producers	Yet to be reviewed	03/05/2005	02/06/2007
South Australia				
Central North East	Pastoralists	Extended for 12mths; reviewed; further extension for 12mths	15/12/2002	04/02/2007
Annex to Central North East	Pastoralists	Yet to be reviewed	26/07/2004	03/11/2006
Upper North Cropping District	All producers	Yet to be reviewed	18/11/2004	24/01/2007
Western Australia				
Central North Eastern, Central Eastern, Central South Eastern Wheatbelt	Croppers	Reviewed – not extended	04/04/2003	23/07/03
Southern Rangelands	All producers	Extended for 12mths	10/04/2003	01/07/2006
North Eastern Wheatbelt	Broadacre producers	Yet to be reviewed	15/02/2005	06/04/2007