

**Question No: 99**

**Question: Buffalo Industry Assistance Scheme**

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**Member: Mr BELL**

**To: MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRY and FISHERIES**

1. What are the names of the current beneficiaries of loans and/or grants under the Buffalo Industry Assistance Scheme.
2. What is the total estimated number of buffalo owned by participants in the scheme.
3. What is the estimated composition of the total scheme herd in terms of tuberculosis status.
4. Have any goals been set in relation to the total number of buffalo which will be controlled by participants in the scheme by the end of 1992.

**ANSWER**

1. There are currently 16 beneficiaries of the Buffalo Development Scheme -

Kerlin Pty Ltd  
Mary River Cattle Station Pty Ltd  
W. & F. Doyle  
B. & D. Douglas Trading as Mt Ringwood Partnership  
Koolpinyah Station Pty Ltd  
Marrakai Pastoral Co Pty Ltd  
T. & V. Halse  
Texfern Pty Ltd  
Startrek Enterprises Pty Ltd Trading as Red Ochre Mustering  
A. & S. Fisher  
Carabao Exports Pty Ltd  
Carmour Plains  
J. Harrower  
K.J. Carrick Pty Ltd  
C. & V. Michell  
J. & R. Lucas

2. It is estimated that 20 557 buffalo including 10 000 mature aged breeder and 4850 juvenile female buffalo are presently owned by the recipients of the Buffalo Development Scheme loans. These figures will change over time because of stock movements and BTEC requirements, thus can only be regarded as a guide to progress. It should also be noted that up to 9200 head of buffalo have been de-stocked for disease eradication purposes from at least 4 participating properties.

3. The estimated composition of the herd controlled under the scheme in terms of tuberculosis status is -

7117 Confirmed Free (CF)  
700 Provisionally Clean (PC)  
9640 Monitored Negative (MN)  
400 Tested Negative (TN)  
2700 Restricted (RD)

4. In order to be eligible to convert a Buffalo Development Scheme loan to a grant each producer undertook to have a nominated number of mature breeding and/or juvenile female stock under control within 3 years of taking up the loan. The total number nominated by the recipients under these terms is 22 485.