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QUESTION No.: AI-88

Does a business continuity team still exist within the Department? If so, how many staff are in this team and what do they do? Did they do any work in respect of the recent Queensland floods – and, if so, what? Where can information about this aspect of the Department’s work be found on the Department’s website? (Please note that the first link that appears now in a search for “business continuity” on the website is to a publication on flu pandemics that contains a foreword from former Minister, Ian Macfarlane!)

ANSWER

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has a business continuity team. There are two staff in the team. Their role is to oversee the Department’s Business Continuity Management Plan.

Work was conducted in respect of the recent Queensland floods. The work undertaken was in coordinating the Department’s response to the continuity of its business in Queensland. The team also provided the coordination for information and ongoing updates to the whole of government talking points and fact sheets for Ministers.

A revised version of the *Business Continuity Guide for Australian Businesses: Being Prepared for a Human Influenza Pandemic* is being prepared. It will be available shortly on the business.gov.au website. Once published, the previous version will no longer be available on the Department’s website.