1. Queensland is currently implementing three eradication programs for tramp ants. These are for the red imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*), the electric ant (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) and the yellow crazy ant (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*).
2. The National Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) Program commenced in 2001 with operations completed on approximately 60 000 hectares. In 2007-08, RIFA were detected on only 132 out of the approximate 190 000 land parcels in the restricted area. Around 490 colonies in total were found on these parcels, representing a low level of infestation.
3. The recent Fire Ant Reward Scheme has also provided a level of confidence that RIFA infestation remains confined close to known infested areas.
4. Biosecurity Queensland has also developed genetic analysis techniques, with preliminary findings indicating that there has been at least three separate incursions in Queensland: Wacol/Richlands, Port of Brisbane and Gladstone. Preliminary analysis also suggests that the Port of Brisbane and Gladstone incursions have been eradicated.
5. The National Electric Ant Eradication Program commenced in May 2006. All scheduled treatments are due to be completed in 2008. There have been very few detections of the ant since treatment began. There are two scheduled years left for this program that will allow for surveillance and any possible residual infestations to be eradicated.
6. A program for Yellow Crazy Ant has been implemented since its detection in 2001. There has been an increased focus on public awareness raising activities which has resulted in a number of new finds.
7. Cabinet noted the progress of the Tramp Ant Programs in Queensland.
8. *Attachments*
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