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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Further Answer to Question, Macropod Industry

 **Hon. ML FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities) (11.19 am): I rise to make a ministerial statement with regard to a question to the Premier from the member for Gregory. In the years 2009 to 2020, the United States has accounted for just 1.6 per cent of kangaroo exports, or macropods, from Queensland. While not a large export industry, the kangaroo industry is an important employer and driver of economic activity in rural and regional areas. The Queensland government supports the sustainable and humane harvest of macropods. While not a large export industry for Queensland, it would be disappointing to see exports banned because of misinformation. The Commonwealth government has ultimate responsibility for the oversight of export of native animals and the Queensland Palaszczuk government has always supported this area, and one example of that is through RED grants for Western Game in Longreach.