

## Question on Notice

No. 50

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**MS F SIMPSON** ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Treasurer advise (a) whether any modelling has been done as to how many Queensland small businesses will be paying the higher land tax through their outgoings on commercial leases, (b) what this increased amount of tax will be for these small businesses and (c) what the results of any modelling are for these small businesses?

### **ANSWER:**

The new land tax rates, which commence from 1 July 2018, will only apply to approximately 850 landholders in Queensland that have land holdings valued over \$10 million.

Landholders are prohibited from directly passing on the cost of land tax to lessees under retail shop leases governed by the *Retail Shop Leases Act 1994*, thus protecting smaller tenants in retail shopping centres.

Small businesses will not be directly impacted by the changes to land tax. On this basis, modelling for small businesses was not undertaken.

The negotiation of a commercial lease is a matter for the respective parties to agree and will be influenced by many factors.