

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 596

Asked on 20 May 2004

**MR HORAN** asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Palaszczuk)—

### QUESTION:

As Meat and Livestock Australia has no legislative authority to force vendor declarations to be linked with its Livestock Production Assurance program—

- (1) Will he assure Queensland cattle producers that vendor declarations forms will still be freely available from DPI offices and stock agents without the need for producers to have signed up for LPA?
- (2) In any event, will he assure Queensland cattle producers that their rights under *Common Law and the Trade Practices Act* will not be compromised or harmed in any way by the MLA's Livestock Production Assurance program?

### ANSWER:

- (1) The DPI&F has no role in the printing of vendor declarations. In the past Meat and Livestock Australia has supplied some vendor declarations to DPI&F for distribution to cattle producers, however the main line of distribution has been through stock agents. Under the new arrangements supply is directly to producers from Meat and Livestock Australia. DPI&F has no role in the Livestock Production Assurance program.
- (2) *The Trade Practices Act 1974* is Commonwealth legislation over which the Queensland Government has no jurisdiction.