

**Question on Notice
No. 779
Asked on 24 May 2005**

MR WELLINGTON asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Japanese proposal to kill whales—

- (1) As Minister for Trade has he and when did he in the past raise with the Japanese Government, Queenslanders' strong support for the whales and strong opposition to this Japanese proposed slaughter of whales?
- (2) Will he authorise the production and distribution of a pamphlet targeting Japanese tourists to Queensland so as to inform them of our strong support for the whales and strong opposition to the proposed slaughter of whales?

ANSWER:

- (1) My Government has raised concerns over the slaughter whales in Australian waters, and the potential this may have to harm our tourism industry, with the Federal Minister for Small Business and Tourism, the Honourable Fran Bailey MP.

My Government has urged the Australian Government to take a strong stance against the slaughter of whales, and take whatever diplomatic and legal action is necessary to prevent the Japanese Government proceeding with its plans to slaughter whales in Australian waters.

- (2) There are no plans at this time to produce and distribute any such brochure.