

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 403
Asked on Tuesday, 28 March 2006

MR FENLON asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

Will he provide details of Queensland's forecast gross value of primary industries production for 2005-06?

ANSWER:

The gross value of primary industries production (GVP) for 2005-06 is now estimated by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) to be \$10.990 billion compared with \$11.095 billion in 2004-05. This is \$110 million less than the estimate of \$11.1 billion that had been prepared before the devastation caused by Cyclone Larry.

Increases in sugar, beef, lifestyle horticulture, vegetables and wheat during the year have helped to offset some of the losses to bananas and other primary industries caused by Cyclone Larry.

More information on the 2005-06 forecasts can be found in the DPI&F *Prospects Update* publication. The March 2006 edition of *Prospects* has been delayed to take account of the impact of Cyclone Larry on the forecasts. The revised edition is expected to be released in the near future.