QUESTION ON NOTICE No. 939 Asked on Friday, 26 May 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to 2004-05 and 2005-06 (reported separately)—

- (1) How many fishing permits and stocked impoundment permits (reported separately) have been issued?
- (2) How much funding have the fishing permits and stocked impoundment permits generated for 2004-05 and 2005-06 to date (reported separately)?
- (3) To what purposes or programs is the revenue allocated?

ANSWER:

- (1) The numbers of general fisheries permits and stocked impoundment permits issued during 2004-05 are 620 and 39,292 respectively. For 2005-06, 555 general fisheries permits and 33,179 stocked impoundments permits have been issued up to 30 May 2006.
- (2) During 2004-05, \$134,000 and \$616,000 were raised through issuing general fisheries permits and stocked impoundment permits respectively. Funding raised to date in 2005-06 for general fisheries permits and stocked impoundment permits is \$135,500 and \$588,000 respectively.
- (3) The fees collected from general fisheries permits contribute toward the costs of managing Queensland's fisheries resources.

Monies raised by the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme are allocated to community based fish stocking groups for the purchase of fingerlings to release into the dams on the scheme, or for other approved activities aimed at enhancing their local fisheries.

To date, funding from the scheme has resulted in the release of more than 8.2 million native fish fingerlings into the 29 dams throughout Queensland that are currently on the scheme.

Annual financial summaries including a breakdown of the number and species of fish stocked into each dam as a result of funding from the scheme is available on the Department's website: www2.dpi.qld.gov.au/fishweb/10054.html