

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 633
Asked on Thursday, 19 April 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to his answer to Question on Notice No. 271 asked on 6 March 2007 and in particular to the \$112m on research and development to increase productivity, build markets, promote flexibility and enhance sustainability of the primary industries sector in Queensland—

- (1) What programs have been established (reported separately) under 'The grains and pulse industries' mentioned in his response?
- (2) What budget has been allocated for each program (reported separately) and for what period is this for?
- (3) How much of the budget has been spent of the allocated funding for each program?

ANSWER:

- (1) The Grains and Pulses Research, Development and Extension (R,D&E) Program consists of a range of R,D&E activities contributing to the grains and pulse industries. These R,D&E activities include crop improvement programs, the development of integrated pest management strategies and science based cropping systems and decision support tools.
- (2) The budget for the Grains and Pulses Research, Development and Extension Program for the 2006-07 financial year is \$12.269 million.
- (3) Expenditure for the Grains and Pulses Research, Development and Extension Program up to the end of March 2007 was \$9.94 million. It is expected that the program will expend its entire allocated budget by the end of June 2007.