QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 372
Asked on Wednesday, 12 March 2008

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

QUESTION:

Why has he not opposed the massive environmental increases on feedlots, piggeries and ethanol plants at a time when all these primary industries face massive cost increases and market difficulties?

ANSWER:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a Regulatory Impact Statement and draft Public Benefit Test for the review of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 1998* which is due to expire in August 2008.

EPA has conducted a public consultation process through which industry and the community were encouraged to provide feedback regarding the Regulation and the proposed changes which will be taken into account in finalising the proposed subordinate legislation.