

Question on Notice
No. 462
Asked on 15 April 2008

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Premier (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

With reference to her announcement today of the sale of Cairns and Mackay airports and the Government's holding in the Port of Brisbane and as this will raise concerns in the minds of workers at the Port of Gladstone in relation to job security—

Will she give an urgent undertaking to all employed by the Port of Gladstone that the Government does not intend to sell the Port assets or privatise it in any way and that their jobs are secure now and in the future?

ANSWER:

The Government has no intention to sell or privatise Gladstone Port.

The Port of Gladstone is one of Australia's largest ports for resources and is a central part of an export sector that continues to enjoy unprecedented prosperity. The Queensland Government is also undertaking and planning massive investment in the Capricornia and Surat Coal Supply Chains.

With demand for the State's resources forecast to remain solid over the coming years and projects like the proposed Wiggins Island Coal Terminal and Surat Basin Railway in the pipeline, workers at the Port of Gladstone can be reassured that their jobs are secure.