

Question on Notice
No. 1918
Asked on 25 November 2009

MR STEVENS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND FAIR TRADING
(MR LAWLOR)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the potential loss of Federal funding for the Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre at Griffith University on the Gold Coast—

How will this essential tourism research for Queensland be met in the future?

ANSWER:

The most important piece of research for the tourism industry that the Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre delivers is the Tourism Satellite Accounts, which provides an estimate of the contribution of tourism to the economies of each Australian state and territory.

Tourism Queensland, along with all other state tourism organisations, has spoken with the Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre regarding the continuation of projects such as the Tourism Satellite Accounts. Discussions are underway between the Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre and other stakeholders in the industry to ensure that this work continues. It is expected that this research will be jointly funded by the state tourism organisations and Tourism Research Australia. As these discussions are still in progress, it would be inappropriate to speculate as to possible outcomes at this point.

The Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre is preparing a plan to be released in January 2010 regarding its future direction and intentions.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that strategic directions and decisions for the tourism industry are based on cutting-edge research. I am very confident that despite the loss of Federal funding to the Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre in 2010, the Tourism Satellite Accounts and other important work will continue.