

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Asked on 10 May 2011

MR CRIPPS asked the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies (MR MULHERIN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to funding for broadacre crops for 2010-11—

Will the Minister advise the (a) total expenditure for research, development and extension, (b) amount of Queensland State Government and Federal Government funding (reported separately) and (c) amount of external funding other than State or Federal Government bodies?

ANSWER:

Through the Fresh Approach, the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) is delivering an innovative plan to revitalise Queensland's food and agriculture sector and enhance its economic and employment contribution to the state.

One element of this delivery is the Grains 2020 initiative. It is driven by aligning our effort with the national RD&E strategy and partnering with the Australian Agricultural College Corporation and the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

It also positions DEEDI to take full advantage of the establishment of the Ecosciences Precinct and Health and Food Sciences Precinct in Brisbane, which will deliver important research in plant pests, diagnostics, stored grains and innovative food science.

Expenditure for research, development and extension for broadacre crops in 2010-11 totalled:

(a) In 2010-11 total Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) expenditure delivered through the department's cropping programs was \$31.418 million.

(b) and (c) This expenditure was made up of:

- Queensland State Government appropriation of \$12.628 million.
- Direct Federal Government funding of \$0.342 million.
- External funding of \$18.448 million (competitive grants, royalties and fee-for-service).

This expenditure demonstrates the Government's continued commitment to Queensland's broadacre cropping industries and, as evidenced by the high level of external funding, its continued reputation as a high quality provider of RD&E to Queensland's broadacre crop industries.