QUESTION ON NOTICE No. 761 Asked on 24 May 2011

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number and location of extension officers across Queensland servicing agriculture (reported by region and industry)?

ANSWER:

There are 272 extension officers across Queensland servicing agriculture.

The regional distribution of these officers is: North region 66; Central region 50; South region 85; South East region 33; and metropolitan 38.

The number of officers servicing specific industries is: livestock industries 41; cropping industries 31; horticulture industries 22; and fisheries 15. In addition, there are 163 officers who have responsibilities across industries.