

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 936

Asked on 14 June 2011

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

QUESTION:

Given the importance of the Berrigurra enterprise in allowing the Emerald Campus of the Australian Agricultural College Corporation to provide industry relevant, hands-on training programs in cattle breeding and fattening, crop production, horse breeding, equine health and practical horsemanship—

Will the Minister guarantee that there are no plans to downscale activities at Berrigurra or in any way dispose of the property?

ANSWER:

The Australian Agricultural College Corporation has plans to invest in livestock infrastructure upgrades as well as refurbishment of staff and student accommodation and kitchen facilities at Berrigurra. This investment will enhance Berrigurra as an industry scale education and training, research, development and agricultural production facility for the immediate future.

Berrigurra continues to be of prominent importance to agricultural training in the Central Queensland area. Its production capability and industry scale training perspective make it a useful training tool.