

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 75

asked on 4 March 2014

MRS CUNNINGHAM ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLY (MR MCARDLE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) confirm that, given the significant growth in and industrial development of Gladstone, the Gladstone Office will be retained as an area managed locally and (b) clarify why Ergon jobs in Brisbane are growing while actual regional workers are reducing in numbers?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question and can advise that -

- a) there are no plans to change the current operations in the Gladstone area.
- b) Ergon employee numbers in Brisbane have not grown at the expense of regional Queensland. For example, with specific regard to the overall headcount of Ergon workers (Brisbane and regional), the Ergon headcount for Brisbane has reduced from about 9.9 per cent in February 2013 to about 9.4 per cent in February 2014.