

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 498

Asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MR EMERSON asked the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Sport and Racing (HON W BYRNE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the former LNP Government's fully funded and costed allocation of \$750,000 made to build a new stadium and facilities at Wests Rugby in the Mount Coot-tha Electorate (funding not contingent on the Strong Choices program)—

Will this allocation proceed under the Labor Government?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

It is incorrect to suggest that the former LNP Government had a 'fully funded and costed allocation' for Wests Rugby's stadium project.

The LNP's commitment was not budgeted for at all.

As can be seen in media articles in The Westside News on 21 January 2015, the commitment the member refers to was dependent on the re-election of the LNP Government. Remarkably the LNP also conditioned funding on the re-election of both Mrs Saxon Rice, the LNP candidate for Mount Coot-tha and Government, an unprecedented action.

Information on any programs will be published on the Queensland Government website at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding.