

## Question on Notice

No. 1125

Asked on 5 September 2018

**MR J MADDEN** ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to recent media coverage regarding what has happened to some of the artwork from Expo 88—

Will the Minister advise what has happened to the artwork displayed in front of the old Primary Industries building, which was of interest to regional communities?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

There were several statues, titled as ‘Around the Campfire’ that were on display in front of the Primary Industries Building in Ann Street, Brisbane.

This building was the location of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries prior to the relocation of the department in May 2017 to Mineral House at 41 George Street, Brisbane.

The statues were commissioned for the Brisbane World Expo in 1988 as part of the series ‘the Human Factor’ created by artist John Underwood.

The statues were acquired by the former Department of Primary Industries and were placed in front of the Primary Industries Building until the department was relocated during 2017.

From then on, the statues were placed in storage at the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries office at Tor Street in Toowoomba.

Last year, the Longreach Regional Council wrote to my predecessor expressing an interest in securing the statues for tourism and community use.

I am happy to report that the ownership of the statues was transferred to the Longreach Regional Council during 2017.

I wish the Longreach Regional Council all the very best with its display area, and I am sure that the statues will be welcomed by the community and visitors alike.