

Question on Notice

No. 1552

Asked on 31 October 2018

MR A PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline, in relation to the Bribie Island Research Centre site for aquaculture, (a) the number of unsolicited enquiries from both the public and private sectors to use parts of the centre, (b) the unimproved value of the land on which the centre is located, (c) what 'aquaculture and related purposes' will be accepted for the use of the centre and (d) whether the Minister will sell or lease the land of the centre?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Staff from my office and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries met with the Member for Pumicestone on 27 September 2018 and provided information on the intended project development at the Bribie Island Research Centre. Subsequent to this meeting, updates have been provided to the Member as the project progresses.

The Member may be aware that the Centre already conducts research into aquaculture, and that this work will continue through until after the redevelopment.

The intention is to split the existing single Lot of approximately 15 hectares into two and put the newly created unimproved land parcel that will be approximately 2.4 hectares to market through an Expression of Interest process, not anticipated to occur until mid-2019.

Land dealings are managed following Government Transaction Policy and, just prior to the public release of the Expression of Interest, an independent market valuation for the newly created unimproved land will be attained.

In relation to unsolicited enquiries, the department has received five.