

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 629

asked on Wednesday, 16 May 2018

MR S KNUTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Agriculture industry, valued at \$15b, with one in seven working Queenslanders employed by the agricultural supply chain—

Will the Minister advise how the recent changes to the Vegetation Management Act 1999, made without any research into the effects on the industry, affect one of Queensland's biggest industries and employers?

ANSWER:

These laws were in place for 13 years prior to the changes made by the previous LNP government and the industry flourished during this time—13 years of evidence gathering and testing in the community. The vegetation management framework achieved the balance between conservation and a viable agricultural sector and that balance has been restored.