

Question on Notice

No. 871

Asked on 12 August 2020

MR S ANDREW ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent government grant of \$23m to a saw milling company in Maryborough providing a sustainable future for 40 workers, the timber industry's economic impact on small towns and businesses and the closures of state forests and subsequent impacts on jobs— Will the Minister advise (a) what forest hardwood sales the government will open prior to the 2026 closure to support the timber industry and (b) will the government consider extending this closure date through stakeholder involvement?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

As part of the Queensland Government's native timber action plan, a native timber advisory panel will be established. The panel will be responsible for overseeing and making plans with the industry that support its long-term sustainable future. This will include consideration of State-owned native timber supply arrangements to 2026 and beyond. An announcement will be made about this in due course.