

Question on Notice

No. 349

Asked on 31 March 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Trawl fishery— Will the Minister advise (a) if commercial trawl fishers have not received regular updates on the percentage of effort used in each zone since 1 November 2021, (b) of any impediments to providing timely information to the industry and (c) what actions will the government take to resolve industry uncertainty and curtailed investment for the sector?

ANSWER:

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) recently became aware of a technical issue associated with the system used to monitor effort in the east coast trawl fishery.

DAF recognised the uncertainty and inconvenience that this issue was causing the trawl industry and prioritised its resolution.

The technical issue has now been resolved and accurate effort usage information for the east coast trawl fishery is available at Queensland Fishing (FishNet) (fisheries.qld.gov.au).

DAF has notified the industry about the resolution of the technical issue and provided the above link to fishers so that they can readily access effort usage information.