

Question on Notice

No. 361

Asked on 31 March 2022

MR S ANDREW ASKED TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the legislation the Treasurer administers—

Will the Treasurer advise since 29 January 2020 (a) the total number of amendments that have been made to existing legislation, (b) the total number of new Acts that were created, (c) the total number of pieces of delegated legislation made, (d) the total number of pages of all legislation passed including rules and regulations, (broken down by year) and (e) whether a cost benefit analysis was conducted for new laws and regulations?

ANSWER:

Queensland Treasury does not record the statistics requested by the member in relation to legislation made or amended since 29 January 2020. Providing an answer to these questions would place an unreasonable burden on the department, as the information is not readily available in the form sought, and would require manual examination of various legislative amendments made since January 2020.

The costs and benefits of legislation and regulations are assessed through the Cabinet process where appropriate, and Treasury provides economic and financial advice on submissions through the Cabinet process. Treasury does not keep and cannot collect statistics related to the Cabinet process, and, in any case, they would remain Cabinet-in-Confidence.

Furthermore, not all legislation that is passed by the Parliament is subject to Cabinet consideration. Notably I understand that the *Sugar Marketing Bill Sugar Industry (Real Choice in Marketing) Amendment Bill 2015* was not subject to cost-benefit analysis.