

Question on Notice

No. 834

Asked on 18 August 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the advice provided during the State Development Committee Estimates Hearing, and the that the Young Animal Protection Society (YAPS) in Cairns which the 2021 Budget papers show received a grant of \$500,000 and the 2022 Budget papers show a \$1m grant and advice at the State Development Committee Estimates hearing that this was an election commitment— Will the Minister advise (a) through whom was a government commitment given to grant YAPS the funds, (b) when was the commitment made and (c) what criteria did YAPS have to meet, including is there an acquittal process to secure the funding?

ANSWER:

On 1 December 2020, the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer and Minister for Investment, delivered the 2020-21 Budget for Queensland.

The Treasurer said “This is a budget that delivers all of our election commitments, and delivers on our plan to Unite and Recover for Queensland jobs.”

Within the Capital Statement – Budget Paper 3, on page 41, the total estimated cost for the ‘Young Animal Protection Society Capital Grant’ is \$1 million.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is negotiating with YAPS to release the funding in stages upon completion of key milestones. The funding agreement will include a requirement for an acquittal of the funds.

I also refer the Member to my answer of 27 July 2022 at estimates - “That was the government of the day, the Palaszczuk government”.