

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 333

asked on Thursday, 3 April 2025

MR S KNUTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES, MINISTER FOR MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (HON D LAST)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Valuer General releasing new land valuations across local government areas including the Tablelands, Cairns and Cassowary Coast shires—

Will the Minister advise how the Minister will ensure increases to valuations on pastoral and primary production land do not financially adversely affect primary producers who wish to remain on their properties from running cost increases, including a potential rise in rates, which are directly linked to increases in land valuations?

ANSWER:

This is a question for the relevant local government authority.

Under the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*, local governments have discretionary powers regarding how they rate. Land valuations are only one of the many factors councils consider when framing their annual budgets and determining rates.