

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 682
Asked on 31 October 2012

MR WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (MR McVEIGH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to an interview the Minister had on the ABC Country Hour on 13 September 2012—

Does the Minister acknowledge that the Nursery and Garden Industry Queensland has committed more than \$1.3m in funding research to DAFFQ and has supported approximately \$1m investment in the Lifestyle Programs to the tune of \$500,000?

ANSWER:

No. In the five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, Nursery and Garden Industry Queensland (NGIQ) directly committed a total of \$222,176 towards eight small research and development projects in Lifestyle Horticulture. DAFF and its predecessor departments received an average of only \$44,435 per year from NGIQ for those 5 years.

During the same period, Nursery and Garden Industry Australia (NGIA) directly committed a further total of \$105,580 towards three small research and development projects in Lifestyle Horticulture (\$21,116 per year average).

DAFF directly invested more than \$1 million per year into Lifestyle Horticulture research, development and extension. The total annual Federally-matched industry commitment over this period was only 20% of the State investment, and the NGIQ direct commitment was less than 5% of the State investment.