

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1822

asked on Tuesday, 26 November 2019

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**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of permanent operational jobs (not construction jobs) currently provided by completed and operational solar farms in Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's strong support for renewable energy has given confidence to investors. Since 2015, Queensland has seen an unprecedented boom in renewable generation, with 28 large-scale solar projects commencing operations.

Solar farms support a number of operational jobs including engineering and electrical specialists, as well as jobs in administration, finance and other supporting roles.

Currently in Queensland, solar farms are privately owned and, like most private businesses, are not required to report employee numbers.

Generally speaking, a 200MW solar farm has a similar number of employees as an open cycle gas turbine.

The Queensland projects have brought investment into the state of almost \$4 billion, all in regional Queensland.