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Dear Mr Shelton

Thank you for your constituency question on 13 March 2025 regarding the Tasmanian Government's target to grow the farm gate value of the State's agriculture sector to \$10 billion by 2050.

Agriculture is the backbone of our economy, a way of life in Tasmania, and our government is ambitious in backing farmers and leveraging our strengths.

The 2022-23 Tasmanian Agri-Food Scorecard was recently released and shows that value of Tasmania's agricultural production has grown by 5 per cent on the previous year, with the gross value of agricultural production growing by 5 per cent to \$2.46 billion in 2022-23, compared to \$2.34 billion in 2021-22.

The scorecard measures and reports on the value and final market destinations of the state's agriculture, food and beverage production.

The State's overall agri-food value, which also includes the \$1.56 billion seafood industry, grew by 10 per cent to \$4.02 billion in 2022-23. The scorecard also showed value of seafood was up by 19 per cent to \$1.56 billion, with salmonids leading with a value food production of \$1.37 billion.

Pasture-based industries accounted for 52 per cent of farm gate value due to favourable seasonal conditions and strong milk prices that year underpinning growth in farm gate value. In addition, Dairy was again the highest value agricultural category, increasing by 35 per cent to \$684 million. Packed and processed value of food was also up by 7 per cent on the previous year to \$6.02 billion.

For more information and to read the scorecard, your constituent may like to visit the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) website: <https://nre.tas.gov.au/agriculture/multifaceted-agriculture/facts-figures/tasmanian-agri-food-scorecards>

I hope this information is of use.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Howlett', written over the printed name.

Hon Jane Howlett MP

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