

NOTICE OF MOTION

8 May 2014

45 Mr Barnett to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the work of the Australian Government in completing the “Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement” commonly known as the Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement.
- (2) Congratulates the Prime Minister, Hon Tony Abbott MP, and Minister for Trade, Hon Andrew Robb MP, on their efforts to draft and execute the Agreement.
- (3) Notes that Japan is Tasmania’s fifth largest export market with a total value of \$A246.72 million in the 2012-13 financial year.
- (4) Further notes the impact the Agreement will have on the following markets:
 - (a) a front-end loading reduction in the tariff on beef exports to Japan, nationally worth A\$1.4 billion;
 - (b) an additional duty free access for 20,000 tonnes of Australian cheese, our biggest export to Japan and a reduction in tariffs of up to 8.5% for other milk products;
 - (c) staged tariff elimination for the export of fruits; and
 - (d) further benefits through the reduction of other tariffs of up to 219% on other exports including wool, cotton, lamb and beer leading to Australia achieving a ground-breaking agreement with Japan for a major agricultural economy.
- (5) Commends and congratulates the Premier, Hon Will Hodgman MP, on the success of his recent trade mission to Japan and the People’s Republic of China. (8 May 2014)