

Response to a Question on Notice received from Mr Chris Hanger, Deputy Secretary, Department of Regional NSW following the public hearing held on 7 May 2021

Question:

CLAYTON BARR: The projected volume of agribusiness that is going to go onto this Inland Rail to get to market is somewhere in the vicinity of 6 per cent of the total product on that line, is that correct?

Mr HANGER: I do not have the exact figures of agribusiness but we can take that on notice and come back with what we think the freight load would be on Inland Rail.

Answer:

Inland Rail agricultural freight loads can be found in the Inland Rail business case that has been published at <https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/inland-rail-program-business-case-2015/> on the ARTC website.

Regional agricultural product share (%), Inland Rail			
	2024-25	2049-50	2069-70
Net tonnes (000)	28%	22%	22%
Net tonne kilometres (millions)	13%	9%	7%

Source: ARTC, PwC & ACIL Allen (2015). *ARTC 2015 Inland Rail Business Case* (pp 147-148). Retrieved from <https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/inland-rail-program-business-case-2015/>

Net tonne kilometres are computed by multiplying the weight of the cargo and its packaging in tonnes by the distance in kilometres.