

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 247

asked on Wednesday, 28 April 2004

MS LEE LONG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to prosecutions under the Vegetation Management Act since it became law—

- (1) How many successful prosecutions have occurred?
- (2) How many unsuccessful prosecutions have occurred?
- (3) How many prosecutions are currently pending?

ANSWER:

The *Vegetation Management Act 1999* provides the mechanism for the prosecution of illegal clearing of native vegetation on freehold land in Queensland. Prosecutions of this nature are commenced under the provisions of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

- (1) Since the proclamation of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* on 15 September 2000, my Department has prosecuted 30 individuals or companies for offences against the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* for a total of 33 counts.

In addition to vegetation clearing offences under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* and the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, illegal vegetation clearing on non-freehold land is prosecuted under the *Land Act 1994*. Since 28 September 1994, there have been 23 prosecutions under the *Land Act 1994* for a total of 26 counts.

- (2) There have been two unsuccessful prosecutions under the *Land Act 1994*.
 - (3) There are currently 16 pending prosecutions of which 12 are the subject of a complaint and summons before the court and the remaining four are not yet before the court.
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