

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 621
Asked on 15 June 2004

MS LEE LONG asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the corporatisation of the Department of Primary Industries Forestry -

What will be the implications to the North Queensland forestry industry in relation to those it supports and those who support it, for example (a) the communities, (b) the public and (c) the employees?

ANSWER:

As the Honourable Member would be aware the Honourable the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport has stated publicly that the Queensland Government is considering corporatising government forestry assets to ensure the best possible financial returns for Queensland taxpayers.

The implications and benefits of any corporatisation process for all parts of the Queensland forestry industry, associated communities and stakeholders will be subject to the fullest possible consideration.

This review process is necessary to ensure the future competitiveness and growth of both the forestry business and the industry in Queensland. Any decision on corporatisation will not be made until next year.