

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 673

asked on Wednesday, 16 June 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—

How many successful prosecutions occurred on –

- (a) State leasehold land and
- (b) freehold land?

ANSWER:

- (a) Prosecutions for tree-clearing offences on State leasehold land are conducted under the *Land Act 1994* and not the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. Since 15 September 2000 (when the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* was introduced) there have been 19 successful prosecutions under the *Land Act 1994*. Future prosecutions for vegetation clearing on State leasehold land will be conducted under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* following recent amendments to the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* and *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.
- (b) Prosecutions for vegetation clearing offences on freehold land are initiated under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*. Since 15 September 2000 there have been 33 successful prosecutions. (For freehold land, the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* operates in conjunction with the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.)