

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 865

asked on Wednesday, 18 August 2004

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the number of prosecutions made under the Vegetations Management Act—

What steps has his department taken to improve the accuracy of vegetational maps?

ANSWER:

No prosecution occurs without vegetation maps being re-checked by the Queensland Herbarium. Prosecutions have not occurred for an area incorrectly mapped.

The regional ecosystem mapping is continually improving as better-quality information becomes available. In 2004, more detailed vegetation mapping has been incorporated into the State's regional ecosystem coverage for Beaudesert, Gold Coast, Cooloola and Maroochy Shire areas.

Throughout the remainder of the State, maps are being improved as property level information of sufficient quality is provided to my Department. More than 600 map assessments were made during the 2003-2004 financial year. This resulted in less than 8% change in the maps for these areas.