

**Question on Notice  
No. 1515  
Asked on 5 October 2005**

QUESTION:

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle) —

With reference to the issuing of scientific purpose permits, for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date (reported separately) —

(1) (a) How many scientific purpose permits were issued and (b) how many were issued with the condition that scientists must submit any published works?

(2) How many published works have been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency, and what are the details of the author/s, the title of each work and a summary of the findings in each instance?

(3) Will she provide an outline of how these findings have been used to influence management decisions?

ANSWER:

(1) The number of scientific purpose permits issued for the last two financial years and the year to date is detailed in the following table:

| 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 | 2005-Year to date |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| 126       | 188       | 87                |

(1b & 2) Whether or not published research is required to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency is decided on a case-by-case basis. As over 400 permits were issued in the period you requested, it would be an excessive burden on the staff of my department to collate that information unless the member refines his question.

(3) The Environmental Protection Agency uses the best available information to inform its management decisions. This information may come from research undertaken in Queensland under a scientific purposes permit, or from research institutions in other States and countries.