

**Question on Notice
No. 300
Asked on 10 March 2005**

QUESTION:

MR WELLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PLANNING AND WOMEN (MS BOYLE)—

With reference to my repeated requests for community use of the disused former Mapleton Forestry Hut—

Will she advise (a) whether she raised my request with the Treasurer, if so, when and what were the particulars of his request, (b) why she has decided to sell the building so soon after the community submitted a proposal to upgrade the building and put the site to community use and (c) what new services she proposes to fund in my electorate from the proposed sale of the site?

ANSWER:

- a) The question of disposal of assets by the QPWS has not been referred to the Treasurer in this case as it falls below the threshold for consideration by Cabinet Budget Review Committee.
- b) The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's (QPWS) plans for the disposal of the facility were in progress well before I became aware of the aspirations of your constituents. I would consider the prudent management of Government assets to be core business of any responsible Government department.
- c) Funds realised from the sale of the assets such as the Mapleton Barracks will be allocated to priority projects throughout the Sunshine Coast District. Directly the Nicklin Electorate will benefit from the construction of a purpose built QPWS operations facility at Tewantin. The new facility will service National Parks and State Forest areas within several State electorates including areas within the electorate of Nicklin such as Mapleton Forest Reserve, Parklands Forest Reserve, Kondalilla National Park and Mapleton Falls National Park.