

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No.710

asked on Thursday, 12 May 2005

MR JOHNSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the many complaints to my office regarding the delay in the processing of fodder permit applications (edible scrub) for desperate land holders to feed stock and as I have been informed that the turnaround for processing these applications is ten days—

Will he now oversee the immediate processing of all outstanding fodder permits as a matter of urgency?

ANSWER:

Expedited fodder permits are generally processed within 10 working days.

On Wednesday 11 May 2005, my Department was in receipt of 20 applications for expedited fodder permits that had been lodged in relatively quick succession. Resources were diverted to deal with these applications as a priority.

Eighteen expedited fodder applications were finalised on Monday 16 May 2005. The remaining two permits required further information from the applicants. There were no expedited fodder permits awaiting processing in South West Queensland on the 27 May 2005. Since that time, a further 12 expedited fodder applications have been received and it is expected these will be processed within 10 working days.