

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Tuesday, 24 May 2005

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

QUESTION:

Are there any differences in the fines for illegal clearing undertaken by developers and those for any other land manager?

ANSWER:

There is no difference in maximum penalties between developers and land managers under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

The maximum penalty for an individual who commits a tree clearing offence under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* is 1,665 penalty units, which equates to \$124,875.

However, under provisions of the *Penalty and Sentences Act 1992*, if a body corporate, which includes a company, is found guilty of an offence, the Court may impose a maximum fine up to five times the maximum fine for an individual. This can relate to land managers that are companies as well as developers that are companies.