

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 769

asked on Tuesday, 24 May 2005

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide an update on the discovery of crazy ant infestation at Rocklea and what his department is doing to address this problem?

ANSWER:

The Crazy Ant infestation at Rocklea has been successfully eradicated by officers of my Department. The ants were initially treated with Presto ant bait and monitored for follow up treatments.

My Department would like to thank the business owners for their co-operation with the baiting programme and the quarantine restrictions, which have now lapsed. The assistance of the Brisbane City Council in suspending their works programme to limit the possible spread of the ants was also greatly appreciated.

Officers of my Department and Brisbane City Council are continuing to monitor the original infestation site and the surrounding areas.