

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday, 7 March 2007

MR HOPPER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the subject of occupational leases that are administered by his department and in particular the potential to upgrade the leases—

- (1) How many occupational leases are currently administered by the department?
- (2) What is the process for an applicant to upgrade an occupational lease to another form of lease?

ANSWER:

- (1) I assume that the Honourable Member is referring to occupation licences. Currently there are 169 occupation licences administered by the Department.
- (2) The holder of an occupation license may apply to the Department for a term lease. Following receipt of the application, an evaluation of the land is undertaken to determine the most appropriate tenure and use for the land. This evaluation will take into account State, regional and local planning strategies and policies and the *Land Act 1994*.

The land allocation priority provisions of the *Land Act 1994* are also considered by the Department, in determining if the holder of the license qualifies to have the land made available to them without competition. This must be determined on a case by case basis.