

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday, 7 March 2007

MR KNUTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR WILSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the ENERGEX tree lopping maintenance contracts—

- (1) Will he detail the current contractors for tree lopping maintenance services for ENERGEX?
- (2) Will he explain whether ENERGEX has altered the contracting policy for tree lopping maintenance service from one that employs individual tree loppers in each area to one that is determined by statewide service tender?
- (3) Will he outline whether the current contractor for ENERGEX tree lopping maintenance services is a Queensland based firm?

ANSWER:

- (1) ENERGEX currently uses the following companies for vegetation management activities:

South Coast	- Treescape Pty Ltd
Western	- Linepro Pty Ltd
Metro South	- Millgray Pty Ltd
Metro North	- Active Tree Services
North Coast	- Eastern Tree Services
Spots North	- City Wide
Spots South	- Quality Tree Procedures

By way of explanation, "spots" are for individual tree trimming requests that come in from members of the public.

- (2) ENERGEX has not changed its contracting policy for vegetation management activities. Contracts are called based on a geographical split-up of ENERGEX's supply area, namely, the asset management areas of South Coast, Western, Metro South, Metro North, and North Coast. The current contracts were approved in December 2005 and commenced in March 2006.
- (3) All the companies listed in (1) above are based in Queensland and employ Queensland staff. However, some of the companies have interstate or international head offices.