

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the mapping and surveying service within the Department of Natural Resources and Water —

- (1) What mapping products and services are available through his department?
- (2) Where can members of the public access these services?

ANSWER:

- (1) A range of mapping products and services are available from my Department that assist in natural resource management. These products and services are designed to provide information about the state's vegetation, land, water and property interests and are available through my Department's service centres in all regions, and at the Landcentre, Woolloongabba. They are available as hardcopy or digital data.

Some examples include topographic maps that are used by the public in recreational pursuits such as bush walking, hiking and camping. They also play an important role in assisting in emergency situations for example floods, search and rescues as well as bush fires.

My Department provides administrative mapping services that produce maps to satisfy the administrative requirements of all levels of government (local, state and federal), where areas or boundaries need to be defined for a particular purpose. Examples include state electoral, district and local government boundary mapping, and electoral redistribution mapping services.

Regional and recreation maps that promote our state's tourism industry are produced and distributed in conjunction with Tourism Queensland and through a joint venture with the private company Hema Maps Pty Ltd. The map range includes state, district and regional maps through to street and road maps of popular tourist destinations.

The department provides a customised map service that assembles spatial information from a wide variety of sources in map form to meet the varying requirements of departmental clients. These maps are a

proven method of monitoring and managing our natural resources and optimising decision making both within Government and for private users.

My Department's Smartmap service provides access to online cadastral, valuation, land, houses and unit sales, and survey mapping products. These maps show property information on boundary, unimproved land valuations, actual sale prices, date of sale and status of survey marks. Such information can greatly assist home buyers to make well informed decisions on such major investments.

Digital spatial data is also available from my Department if appropriate licensing arrangements are in place.

- (2) These products and services are available centrally at the Landcentre (Woolloongabba) in Brisbane and from all service centres across the state. A listing of these centres is available at:
www.nrw.qld.gov.au/about/contactus/service_centres.html

My Department's products are also available online from the Queensland Government Publication website:
www.publications.qld.gov.au/ProductBrowse.aspx

Smartmap information is available from:
www.nrw.qld.gov.au/property/mapping/index.html

Digital data provided by my Department requires appropriate licensing and these licenses are explained at:
www.nrw.qld.gov.au/products/access_pricing/licence.html