

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 955
Asked on Friday, 8 June 2007

MS LEE LONG asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the propagation of plant material from national parks—

What reason does the Queensland Government have to prohibit the collection of propagating material from Queensland national parks for commercial purposes, while at the same time the Queensland Government, through Forestry Plantations Queensland (previously DPI Forestry), is propagating and selling the endangered Wollemi Pine from New South Wales national parks and given that two government ministers are the shareholding ministers of the corporation, Forestry Plantations Queensland?

ANSWER:

Policy in relation to the commercial collection of plant material from Queensland's National Parks is a matter for the Environmental Protection Agency which falls within the portfolio responsibilities of my colleague the Honourable Lindy Nelson-Carr MP, Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism.

Forestry Plantations Queensland's propagation of the Wollemi Pine is a commercial arrangement being undertaken as part of the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service's Recovery Plan for this species.