

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1533

asked on Tuesday, 28 October 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he detail the number of mining lease applications rejected each year for the past five years (reported separately by commodity and the company involved)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

From 1 January 2004 to 31 October 2008, 552 mining lease applications were granted.

The mining wealth of Queensland is owned by all Queenslanders. We have to be good stewards of these resources and act in the best interests of Queenslanders.

In September 2008, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Premier of Queensland outlined her Government's long-term vision for Queensland in *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland*. Q2 creates bold targets that will drive Premier Bligh's vision for a strong, green, smart, healthy and fair Queensland.

That vision includes the close management of mining tenures to ensure the best use of the State's resources for the benefit of the people of Queensland.

Year	Number of ML's rejected	Commodity	Applicants
2004	7	3 for opal, 2 for gold and 2 for gold and silver.	The applicants included no companies as they were applied for by individual miners.
2005	1	1 for gold, zircon, spinel and sapphire	The applicant was an individual miner.
2006	5	1 for gold and silver, 1 for sapphire and zircon, 1 for gold, diamond, sapphire and zircon, 1 for ilmenite, magnetite, monazite, rutile and zircon and 1 for copper.	Two of the applications were applied for by RZM Pty Limited and Australis Mining Operations Qld Pty Ltd separately with the remaining three applied for by individual miners.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of ML's rejected</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Applicants</b>
<b>2007</b>	21	1 for opal, 1 for gold and silver and 19 for gold, diamond, sapphire and zircon.	Nineteen applications were applied for by Australis Mining Operations Qld Pty Ltd with the remaining two applied for by individual miners.
<b>2008 (to end October 2008)</b>	5	1 for gold and silver, 1 for gold, silver, copper and quartz and 3 for gold, diamond, sapphire and zircon.	Three applications were applied for by Queensland Sapphires Mining Pty Ltd with the remaining two applied for by individual miners.
<b>Total</b>	39		