QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 290

asked on Tuesday, 11 March 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the marked spread of the pest weed 'navara sedge' on the roadsides of road reserves owned by his department, particularly in the Millaa Millaa, Old Palmerston Highway and Beatrice River area—

If this pest weed spreads from the road reserves onto farming properties will his department pay compensation to farmers for loss of income caused by this pest weed, as it renders properties useless for dairying and beef cattle?

ANSWER:

The matter raised by the Honourable Member does not fall within the responsibilities of my portfolio.