

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

QUESTION:

What is the Department of Natural Resources and Water doing to recruit university graduates to protect the State's natural resources and water?

ANSWER:

The Department of Natural Resources and Water has implemented a number of initiatives that focus on increasing the recruitment of university graduates. These include:

Corporate Graduate Program

Since 2003, in excess of 100 university graduates have been appointed through the Corporate Graduate Program.

Scholarships

Eighteen scholarship opportunities have been offered over the last two years to students. Following the successful completion of their degree, scholarship recipients are appointed into a graduate position.

Cadetships

The Department participates in several cadetship programs, which provides a potential pool of university graduates. These programs target Spatial Information, Valuers, Information Technology and Indigenous students.

Promotion of Graduate Careers

The Department promotes graduate opportunities through: the participation in a range of Queensland Tertiary Careers Fairs, Virtual Careers Fairs, Employment Expos, regional Careers Fairs and annual Indigenous Job Market; advertising through university career hubs; established partnerships with the Department and universities careers and employment officers that enables direct advertising/promotion of graduate vacancies, scholarships/cadetships opportunities; and direct contact with university lecturers to promote the department's work and help students with their subject selection

Departmental Website

Undergraduates are encouraged to register their interest in working for the Department. The database is used to notify undergraduates of upcoming graduate vacancies, vacation employment and work experience.