

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 664

asked on Tuesday, 13 April 2010

MR CRIPPS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the Department of Environment and Resource Management has any application(s) to the Commonwealth Government for funding through the Caring for Country program, including the latest round of funding and if so, what is the nature of the projects proposed by DERM in its application(s)?

ANSWER:

The Department of Environment and Resource Management has submitted applications for Commonwealth Government funding through the Commonwealth's 2010 -2011 Caring for our Country Business Plan.

The nature of these applications relate to:

- Increasing protected areas estate
- More federal funding for the management of World Heritage areas in Queensland such as Fraser Island and Wet Tropics of Queensland
- New pest and weed management programs with a large focus on feral pig and wild dog controls in protected areas
- Protecting Ramsar wetlands; and
- Protecting critical aquatic ecosystems

In addition, DERM supported a number of applications by regional NRM groups to improve land management practices.

Applications were submitted on 15 April 2010.