

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 397

asked on Thursday, 24 March 2011

MS BATES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Labor's decision to demolish 13 homes (many with historic value) adjacent to the Springbrook National Park—

Will the Minister confirm whether or not the government, as part of due diligence, formally assesses the heritage value of each and every one of these homes and advise where these assessments can be viewed by the public?

ANSWER:

All properties were voluntarily purchased from willing sellers at fair market value as part of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's program for improving the biodiversity of the World Heritage-listed Springbrook National Park. The properties were purchased between June 2005 and April 2010.

The vast majority of these structures being removed are kit set sheds, dilapidated fibro and brick veneer structures, and other structures of varying age and disrepair.

None of the properties were identified by the Gold Coast City Council's 2002 heritage survey report as having state level heritage value or local heritage values.

To resolve concerns regarding any values in heritage properties, departmental Heritage Branch officers are researching if there are any heritage values that should be protected.