

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 822

asked on Wednesday, 25 May 2011

MR HOBBS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS AND MINING (MR HINCHLIFFE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's correspondence regarding the siting of CSG wells and other infrastructure, which stated 'all activities within 600 metres of a residential dwelling will require a conduct and compensation agreement to be negotiated before any activities can take place'—

What action is the department taking against those companies who distribute information to landholders that clearly states shorter distances than what is stated in government correspondence and prescribed by legislation?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to balancing the interests of the agricultural and resource sectors to address issues related to land access for resource exploration and development.

The legislation is clear. If industry wishes to build wells or infrastructure within 600 metres of a residential dwelling the company must have a conduct and compensation agreement in place with the landholder.

The placement of wells or infrastructure, or the proposal to place wells or infrastructure, within 600 metres of a residential dwelling, is not in itself an offence or breach of the new legislation. I am aware that some companies have self imposed conditions that are not in conflict with this and would be overridden by the legislation in any case.