QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Tuesday, 11 February 2014

MS TRAD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (MR CRIPPS)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the current number of uranium exploration permits and the number issued since 24 March 2012?

ANSWER:

Queensland currently has more than 1950 granted exploration permits for minerals—716 of which have been issued since 24 March 2012.

An exploration permit for minerals allows the holder to explore for all minerals, other than coal.

All the current exploration permit holders can explore for uranium; however, there are 198 current permit holders who specified uranium as a targeted commodity in exploration work programs submitted with their applications.

Ninety-five of these 198 permits have been issued since 24 March 2012.