

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1736

asked on Tuesday, 11 October 2016

MR ELMES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the up to 30 year leases held by commercial operators along the Gympie Terrace stretch of the Noosa River—

Will the Minister provide (a) separately, the names of the businesses operating on the leases, (b) the number of compliance inspections for each leaseholder undertaken in the last 5 years and (c) the nature of any breaches identified in (b)?

ANSWER:

- (a) It would be inappropriate for me as Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines to supply private information direct to a third party; however, this information is available for purchase through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. The departmental customer service centre at Nambour is located at 52-64 Currie Street Nambour, and the contact telephone number is 5451 2278.
- (b) Over the past five years, the department has examined lease compliance in response to previous requests and determined that, at the time, the Noosa Shire Council was best placed to manage the activities undertaken by commercial operators on the Noosa River in accordance with the Noosa River Plan and the local planning scheme. The council has advised that some leases in the Noosa River appear to have uses that may not be consistent with the purpose for which the leases were granted. The department is committed to assisting the council to undertake appropriate action if non-compliance is confirmed and is currently liaising with the council to determine the appropriate time to commence further analysis of the situation, having regard to the Noosaville Foreshore Management Plan currently underway by the council.
- (c) The Department of Natural Resources and Mines will work cooperatively with the Noosa Shire Council regarding any non-compliant uses.