

## Question on Notice

No. 1033

Asked on Tuesday, 4 September 2018

**MR M BOOTHMAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) since 2010, how much money has been allocated by the Queensland Government to purchase land to protect koala habitats (reported separately by year) and (b) since 2000, how many acres of vegetation has been cleared in South East Queensland for development (housing, commercial and industry)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Allocations from previous financial years can be found in previous budget papers which are available on the Queensland Treasury website.

Although not all woody vegetation is suitable koala habitat, according to data derived from the Queensland Government's Statewide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS) from 2000 to 2016, 54,418 hectares of woody vegetation has been cleared in south east Queensland (in the South East Queensland Regional Plan area) for settlement, infrastructure, pasture and crops.

Land clearing in Queensland reached a rate of 395,000 hectares per year following the repeal of vegetation management laws under the previous LNP Government. The passage of the Palaszczuk Government's new land clearing laws will ensure this rate of clearing is reduced further protecting essential koala habitat.