

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1173

asked on Thursday, 6 September 2018

MR D LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recently changed vegetation management laws—

Will the Minister provide the numbers (to date including the total number of applications and approvals, reported separately) for the following types of clearing (a) a project declared to be a coordinated project under section 26 of the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971, (b) the necessary control of non-native plants or declared pests, (c) ensuring public safety, (d) establishing a necessary fence, firebreak, road or vehicular track, or constructing necessary built infrastructure, and the clearing for the relevant infrastructure cannot reasonably be avoided or minimised, (e) a natural and ordinary consequence of other assessable development for which a development approval was given under the repealed Integrated Planning Act 1997, or a development application was made under that Act, before 16 May 2003, (f) fodder harvesting, (g) managing thickened vegetation, (h) clearing of encroachment, (i) an extractive industry, (j) a special Indigenous purpose under the Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007 and (k) necessary environmental clearing?

ANSWER:

The attached table provides the number of development applications and approvals, reported separately, for each of the relevant clearing purposes listed in section 22A of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. While the member's question did not identify any specific timeframes for the requested numbers, the response covers applications received and approved since the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 was passed by Parliament on 9 May 2018.

TABLE

Relevant Purpose	9 May 2018 to 2 October 2018	
	*Received	*Approved
Projects declared to be coordinated projects under section 26 of the <i>State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971</i>	2	0
The necessary control of non-native plants or declared pests	0	0
Ensuring public safety	0	0
Establishing a necessary fence, firebreak, road or vehicular track, or constructing necessary built infrastructure, and the clearing for the relevant infrastructure cannot reasonably be avoided or minimised	11	7
A natural and ordinary consequence of other assessable development for which a development approval was given under the repealed <i>Integrated Planning Act 1997</i> , or a development application was made under that Act, before 16 May 2003	0	0
Fodder harvesting	1	1
Managing thickened vegetation	0	0
Clearing of encroachment	0	0
Extractive Industries	1	1
Special Indigenous purposes under the <i>Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007</i>	0	0
Necessary environmental clearing	1	1
Total	16	10

*Note that not all applications that are received in a relevant period are approved within the corresponding period.

+Does not include those applications that were withdrawn, refused.