

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of Extension Officers currently employed by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and their locations?

ANSWER:

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy has approximately 2400 non-corporate staff—that is frontline and frontline support.

These 2400 staff typically perform the following duties in their efforts to implement legislation and government policy:

- providing clients with advice and answering customer queries;
- conducting resource monitoring, planning and assessment;
- processing applications, client data and information requests; and
- completing monitoring, compliance and enforcement.

All of these duties involve varying levels of engagement with the community, particularly landholders and clients. Often, this involves providing information to help these community members better understand regulatory requirements and the services and support provided by the department.

Departmental employees are located at 59 sites across Queensland—57 of which are outside the Brisbane CBD.

The total number of frontline and frontline support staff across the department, by location, is as follows:

- North Region 330 staff
- Central Region 309 staff
- South Region 925 staff
- Brisbane CBD 836 staff