

Question on Notice

No. 567

Asked on 4 April 2019

MR E SORENSEN ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the potential native title compensation implications of the High Court's recent decision relating to the Northern Territory town of Timber Creek—

Will the Deputy Premier detail the estimated (a) number of potential compensation claims that will arise from this decision in Queensland and (b) dollar figure of compensation payments for this native title liability?

ANSWER:

In Queensland at 31 March 2019 there were 138 positive determinations of native title and 59 applications for determination of native title.

All native title compensation claims will require specific consideration of both economic losses and cultural losses to determine the amount of compensation to be paid.

As such, quantifying native title compensation can only be done on a case by case basis.

At this stage, the extent of the State's liability arising from all potential native title compensation claims remains unquantifiable.