

Question on Notice

No. 930

Asked on Tuesday, 11 June 2019

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to completed, withdrawn and lapsed environmental impact statement processes (EIS)—

Will the Minister detail since January 2015 (a) how many EIS have been completed and (b) what is the average process assessment time from draft terms of reference submission to EIS assessment report?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Since January 2015 there have been six environmental impact statement (EIS) projects completed under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, administered by the Department of Environment and Science (DES).

The average processing assessment time by DES from submission of the draft terms of reference to completion of the EIS assessment report is 23 weeks. This period is within DES's allowed assessment time of 30 weeks.

On average, proponents took 103 weeks to prepare the EISs for this period, which demonstrates the level of technical complexity involved in these documents.