

Question on Notice

No. 841

Asked on 12 August 2020

MR D LAST ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the new vegetation management laws and the answer to Question on Notice No. 466 asked on 20 May 2020—

Will the Treasurer advise the total number (reported separately by year) of (a) applications for clearing development, (b) approved development applications, (c) hectares approved for clearing, (d) the average time taken to process these applications and (e) the longest time taken to process an individual application?

ANSWER:

Table 1 – Applications involving native vegetation clearing 2018

a.	Total number of applications lodged involving native vegetation clearing	116 applications lodged
b.	Total number of approved applications involving native vegetation clearing	82 applications approved ¹
c.	Total hectares of native vegetation approved for clearing (approved applications only)	25510.53 hectares ²
d.	Average decision time for approved applications	23 business days
e.	Longest time taken for an individual application	60 business days

Table 2 – Applications involving native vegetation clearing 2019

a.	Total number of applications lodged involving native vegetation clearing	111 applications lodged
b.	Total number of approved applications involving native vegetation clearing	112 applications approved ³
c.	Total hectares of native vegetation approved for clearing (approved applications only)	352.79 hectares
d.	Average decision time for approved applications	24 business days
e.	Longest time taken for an individual application	99 business days

¹ An application lodged in one time period may not be decided in that time period.

² One application included 25,000 hectares of native vegetation clearing for fodder harvesting.

³ This figure may include an application lodged in a previous time period.