

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 773

asked on Tuesday, 16 August 2022

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**MR S ANDREW** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of trees felled for all onshore wind, solar farm and biofuel development in Queensland to date, (b) the area of felled trees, in hectares, for all onshore wind, solar farm and biofuel development in Queensland to date, (c) how was this timber disposed of and (d) if sold, the total dollar amount realised by its sale?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Queensland Government does not collect data on the number of trees felled for specific purposes.
- (b) Between 1 July 2017 and 31 July 2022, the total area of native vegetation approved for clearing for these developments was 9546.87 hectares.
- (c) Recent development approvals for wind farms have included conditions requiring applicants to maximise opportunities for on-site rehabilitation at the earliest opportunity and to demonstrate the proposed reuse of vegetation that has been cleared, with consideration to both the repurposing of this vegetation and long-term bushfire management.
- (d) The government does not collect data on the value of timber sales by landholders as a result of clearing under development approvals. There have been no royalties received by the government from timber cleared for wind farms, solar farms or biofuel projects on land in which it holds an interest.