

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1305

asked on Tuesday, 24 October 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to land clearing as recorded in the Statewide Landcover and Trees Study—

Will the Minister advise how many visits did department enforcement officers make to sites where clearing had occurred in each of the 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years?

ANSWER:

The Department of Resources takes a proactive, risk-based approach to compliance. A variety of methods and tools to support landholders in complying with the framework are used, ranging from advice and education through to enforcement action.

Methods to monitor and identify potential non-compliance include proactive auditing, third party notifications and satellite imagery to assess changes in vegetation canopy cover through the Early Detection System.

In the last three financial years, the department undertook a total of 56 field inspections:

- 2020–21 – 19
- 2021–22 – 16
- 2022–23 – 21