

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1465

asked on Wednesday, 15 November 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for each of the past five financial years from 2018 to 2023 inclusive (reported separately by financial year)

- (a) how many times has the government removed a covenant on government property that requires the property to be reserved for community purposes,
- (b) how many times has the government
 - (i) leased government property to a church,
 - (ii) sold government property to a church,
 - (iii) leased or sold government property to any other private entity,
- (c) how many sales to churches or other private entities were made through the 'in priority' process and
- (d) what was the total value of land sold to
 - (i) churches and
 - (ii) other private entities?

ANSWER:

- (a) The data requested cannot reasonably be identified using the relevant databases within the Department of Resources and Titles Queensland. Collation of this data would require the manual analysis of a significant volume of property title data and the manual examination of covenant dealing images to determine the nature of the covenant.
- (b) The data requested cannot be identified without undertaking a manual case-by-case review of transactions because the relevant databases within the Department of Resources do not identify whether a party to a relevant transaction is a church or other private entity.
- (c) The 'in-priority' process under the Queensland Government's Land Transaction Policy is applied by individual government agencies. The Department of Resources does not hold information on individual agency property transactions or information on how the policy was applied in individual matters.
- (d) The data requested cannot be identified without undertaking a manual case-by-case review of transactions because the relevant databases within the Department of Resources do not identify whether a party to a relevant transaction is a church or other private entity.