

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 484

asked on Thursday, 20 April 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of Resources and all enquiries and applications made in relation to the Vegetation Management Act—

Will the Minister outline, since May 2018 (reported separately by year) the total number of (a) enquiries received, (b) enquiries received regarding thinning vegetation, (c) enquiries received regarding thinning vegetation in Category B vegetation (d) enquiries received regarding a relevant purpose determination for managing thickened vegetation, (e) relevant determination applications lodged relating to managing thickened vegetation and (f) relevant determination applications approved relating to managing thickened vegetation?

ANSWER:

- (a) The total number of general enquiries received by the Department of Resources VegHub in each calendar year was 5608 in 2018; 4791 in 2019; 4958 in 2020; 5009 in 2021; 4092 in 2021; and 1435 in 2023 up until Monday, 22 May 2023. The VegHub is the Department of Resources' single point of contact for the public for any vegetation-related enquiry.
- (b) The Department of Resources does not collect statistics on the number of general enquiries to the VegHub regarding thinning vegetation.
- (c) The Department of Resources does not collect statistics on the number of general enquiries to the VegHub regarding thinning vegetation in Category B areas.
- (d) The Department of Resources does not collect statistics on the number of general enquiries to the VegHub regarding relevant purpose determinations for managing thickened vegetation.
- (e) The number of applications for a relevant purpose determination for managing thickened vegetation in each calendar year was 1 in 2018 (subsequently withdrawn); 0 in 2019; 2 in 2020 (both subsequently withdrawn), 2 in 2021 (1 subsequently withdrawn), 1 in 2022 and 1 in 2023 up until Monday, 22 May 2023.
- (f) The number of relevant purpose determinations given for managing thickened vegetation in each calendar year was 0 in 2018; 0 in 2019; 0 in 2020; 0 in 2021; 2 in 2022 and 0 in 2023 up until Monday, 22 May 2023.