

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Statewide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS) —

Will the Minister advise (a) when the 2021-22 SLATS report will be released, (b) if the Department of Resources has received the relevant 2021-22 data from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation and when was this received, (c) will the 2021-22 report include information on the age and extent of regrowth in each category, including Category X, (d) what factors are considered when determining the release date of each SLATS report and (e) will the government commit to setting a regular annual release date for SLATS reports?

ANSWER:

- (a) The 2021-22 SLATS report will be released when the data has been compiled, processed and verified to the high standard that is consistent with previous SLATS reports, and the online report and associated open data have been prepared.
- (b) The Department of Resources has not yet received the 2021-22 SLATS data from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation. The data will be provided according to the usual process.
- (c) 2021-22 SLATS reporting will include information about existing and new regrowth. Additional breakdowns of SLATS data are made publicly available as open data, including information such as regrowth by age and Regulated Vegetation Management Map categories, including Category X.
- (d) SLATS reporting is released each year when the data has been compiled, processed and verified and when the reporting, which is made available online, has been prepared.
- (e) SLATS reports have been prepared and released by the end of each calendar year since 2021.