

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 719

asked on Thursday, 2 May 2019

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**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the new vegetation management laws—

Will the Minister advise the total number of (a) applications for clearing development, (b) approved development applications and (c) hectares approved for clearing?

ANSWER:

- (a) From 9 May 2018 when the changes to the vegetation management laws took effect to 31 May 2019, 31 development applications involving the clearing of regulated native vegetation have been made.
- (b) In the same period (9 May 2018 to 31 May 2019) 21 development applications had been approved in the same period; however, it should be noted that not all applications received in a relevant period are approved within the corresponding period.
- (c) As at 31 May, 2019, 70281.7 hectares of regulated native vegetation were approved for clearing.

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy was also involved in assessing 79 material change of use applications (54 approved) and 65 reconfiguring a lot (44 approved) development applications in the period 9 May 2018 to 31 May 2019. Areas of clearing are not generally recorded for these applications.