

## Estimates Committee 2008 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Neem Trees

**From:** Mr Gerry Wood MLA to Hon Len Kiely MLA  
Minister for Natural Resources Environment and Heritage

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**Question:** **8-7**  
Minister, could you please tell the Estimates Committee the state of Neem trees throughout the Northern Territory? Would it be a plant that the government would consider classifying as a weed, and would you also consider banning it from sale at nurseries?

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 19/06/2008  
Answer: Neem Trees are located throughout the NT, most notably in Darwin, Nauiyu, Katherine, Bulman, Ngukurr and Kalkarindji.

Through the Weed Risk Management System, Neem Trees have been addressed as having a vry high weed risk. NRETA is currently preparing a detailed brief on the tree, which will then go to the Minister for determination.

If the Minister declares it a weed, it will be banned from sale at nurseries in the Northern Territory.