

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage

Land Clearing Applications

1. How many land clearing applications have been submitted in the last 12 months for Darwin (including greater rural area to Adelaide River), Douglas Daly, Katherine, Tenant Creek, Alice Springs and the Rest of the NT?
2. How many have been approved in the above location areas in the last 12 months?
3. How many have been sent back to the applicants for additional information in the location areas?
4. How many applications have been denied and for what reason for each location area?
5. How long has each application taken to process for each location?

ANSWER

1. There were no applications lodged under the *Pastoral Land Act* for the specified period. However, five applications lodged under the *Pastoral Land Act* prior to November 2010 were still being processed, two of which have since been approved and two of which are required to be assessed under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Applicants have yet to submit Environmental Impact Statements.
2. 13 applications under the *Planning Act* were approved including three applications lodged in the previous year.
3. Of the 10 applications under the *Planning Act* applications lodged and assessed within the past 12 months, two have required additional information.
4. Of the 10 applications under the *Planning Act* applications lodged and assessed within the past 12 months, no applications were refused.
5. The average time to process an application was about 3 months excluding any period for which the applicant was gathering further information.