

**Question N: 67**

**Question: Northern Territory Government Crown Land Sales**

**Date: 13/08/91**

**Member: Mr EDE**

**To: MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING**

1. What Northern Territory government land has been sold or transferred from the Northern Territory government to such individuals or groups and for what return in -

- (a) 1989;
- (b) 1990; and
- (c) to date 1991.

2. What guidelines govern the sale or transfer of land.

3. Are these guidelines documented; if so, is this document publicly available.

4. Does the Minister for Lands and Housing, or any other minister, have to approve such sale or transfer of land.

**ANSWER**

An exhaustive list of all such transactions, transfers, vestings etc over a 3-year period would require a major commitment of resources on the part of my department. I do not propose to pursue this if the query represents merely a general inquiry.

I would be willing, of course, to inquire into any specific concern raised in relation to any specific government land transaction.

1. Details of direct sales or grants of land from the Northern Territory government to individuals, organisations, associations or companies are published in the Northern Territory government Gazette.

These details include the name of the individual, organisation, association or company the land is going to, a description of the land and the purchase price. A search of the Gazettes for the period 1989 to date will provide the information sought.

Details of land to be sold by auction are published in the Northern Territory Government Gazette prior to the auction.

The amount of revenue raised from land sales including both direct sale and auction is published in the Department of Lands and Housing Annual Report.

2. The guidelines for the direct sale of land are set out in a series of brochures available from the Department of Lands and Housing.

Land that is auctioned or sold directly, is done so in accordance with the requirements of the Crown Lands Act.

3. As stated above, the guidelines for direct sale of land are documented in the brochures available from the Department of Lands and Housing. These brochures are freely available from the department to any member of the public.

4. The Minister for Lands and Housing, or in some circumstances a delegated officer, approves such sales or grants of land, whether sold by auction or direct sale.