

NATIVE VEGETATION — CLEARING PERMITS

**1305. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

On 21 August this year, during the minister's contribution to the debate that followed my motion on private property proprietorship that called on the government to repeal section 6 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulation 2004, which deals with environmentally sensitive areas, the minister said —

A total of 924 clearing permits have been granted within environmentally sensitive areas since the clearing provisions of the Environmental Protection Act commenced on 8 July 2004.

Can the minister advise how many applications for clearing permits were refused during the same period?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

The answer is 245.