

Division 28: Aboriginal Affairs —

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Question: Mr B.S. Wyatt asked for the details of any lands divested by the Aboriginal Lands Trust in the last year.

Answer: In 2015-16, the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) has taken a practical approach to increasing Aboriginal management and ownership of land. Three freehold ALT properties will be transferred into Aboriginal ownership by 30 June 2016. Furthermore, the ALT has supported a significant increase in the granting of rights and interests in the ALT estate to Aboriginal people through approving leasing and subleasing proposals. To date, in 2015-16, the ALT and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs have approved 56 leases and subleases over ALT Reserves, Freehold and Pastoral land. These leases and subleases support economic development and commercial activity, service delivery and residential development initiatives in Aboriginal communities throughout the State.