

Division 41: Planning, Lands and Heritage (Services 9 and 10: Aboriginal Affairs) —

[Supplementary Information No A15.]

Question: Mr D.T. Redman asked for details of lands that have been divested out of the Aboriginal Lands Trust estate since March 2017.

Answer: The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is working with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Communities to create a Divestment Framework to progress the divestment of the Aboriginal Lands Trust estate.

In April 2018 the Aboriginal Lands Trust resolved to:

surrender the portion of a Special Lease covering part of the Kiwirrkurra native title determination area. The surrender will result in the land (an area of just less than two million ha) reverting to Unallocated Crown Land allowing the native title holders (represented by Tjamu Tjamu Aboriginal Corporation), to exercise their determined native title rights and interests. The Surrender is at the request of the Native Title holders and equates to an eight per cent reduction in the size of the Aboriginal Lands Trust estate; and

to excise the Wuggunbun Community Living area from the Doon Doon Pastoral Lease.

There are currently existing state commitments under the South West Native Title Settlement and the Kariyarra – State Indigenous Land Use Agreements to offer or transfer 36 Aboriginal Lands Trust/Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority held Reserves, 26 Aboriginal Lands Trust/Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority held Freeholds and portions of one pastoral lease.

Currently the eastern portion of Doon Doon Pastoral Lease is being amalgamated into Glen Hill Pastoral Lease. The new Glen Hill Pastoral Lease will then be transferred to Glen Hill Pastoral Aboriginal Corporation, who currently sublease the area from the Aboriginal Lands Trust. It is expected that this divestment will be complete by the end of 2018.

There have also been a number of leases issued over ALT properties since March 2017. The Minister has been unable to obtain the details of these leases in the time provided, but will provide them to the Member by way of correspondence.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has established a divestment program which is prioritising the divestment of Aboriginal Lands Trust held pastoral leases, freehold and reserves within determined native title areas.