

LANDS — CARBON FARMING APPROVALS

1422. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to concerns raised by constituents about the consistent pattern of delays in approvals under the lands portfolio.

- (1) How many carbon farming proposals are under consideration under the lands portfolio, at all stages of development, under the human induced regeneration process outlined on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development website?
- (2) For (1), how many have been approved?
- (3) What is the minister doing to support pastoralists in gaining approvals, given the challenges imposed by federal and state red tape?
- (4) Does the minister support the science on HIR?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) There are 59.
- (2) There are 41.
- (3) Amendments to the Land Administration Act 1997 passed by Parliament this year established a diversification lease, providing a new form of land tenure to provide for proponents to conduct single or multiple land uses on large areas of crown land. A standalone policy and assessment framework are also in place to support the state's eligible interest holder consent approvals process. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage assists proponents to navigate the approvals process, including liaison with relevant government agencies and consultation with traditional owners and pastoral interests.
- (4) The minister's role is to consider the provision of eligible interest holder consent for carbon farming projects proposed on crown land.