

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 692

asked on Wednesday, 11 May 2011

MR WELLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recently issued unimproved land valuation for properties in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast—

As many of the area's land values were unreasonably inflated as a result of the State Government purchase of land in the Mary Valley for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam, when will the land be placed back on the market to show the property values are not realistic?

ANSWER:

The independent Valuer General has advised me that no sales of land in the Traveston Dam footprint were used in the 2011 revaluation of the Gympie Regional Council area. I'm advised that he made this decision as sales of such land are not considered as providing a suitable valuation basis for statutory valuations, as they are for a specific purpose and may include other commercial interests.

If landholders believe their annual valuation is incorrect, or does not reflect damage caused by weather events, they may lodge an objection by 4 July 2011. Objection kits and further information about valuations are available from the Department of Environment and Resource Management's website (www.derm.qld.gov.au) and the Department's toll free number 1300 664 217.

With regard to when the land will be placed back on the market, this matter falls under the portfolio of the Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade. I refer the member to the Treasurer.